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Descended from an old Pennsylvania family of Dutch ancestry, which migrated to Canada in the year 1800, M. W. Bro. Hartman was born on August 6th, 1886, at Aurora, Ontario. The old homestead which his forebears had carved out of the forest was on Yonge Street, twenty miles north of "Muddy York", now Toronto, and saw several generations of Hartmans during their long occupancy.

They were originally a Quaker family, but in time became Methodists, now United Church. The outstanding Quaker characteristics of patient perseverance in the face of difficulties, quiet stability and adherence to the old Quaker principles, were inherited by the boy and developed by the man. His progress through public and high school in Aurora, his training in the University of Toronto, from which he graduated in 1907, followed by post graduate work on the staff of the Toronto General Hospital, is evidence that he early in life had decided on an objective, and carefully planned its achievement.

Coming west to Olds, Alberta, in 1910 to practise his profession, he, in the same methodical way, developed by hard work in this new country a reputation as a physician, who was at the same time a good neighbor and a reliable adviser, and who could and did enter with sympathy and understanding into the problems which were brought to him, outside of his professional services. A pioneer district then, it still has its difficulties of travel and its hardships of climate, in spite of which he has ever cheerfully answered the call when it comes. In fact, he fully lives the life of a country doctor, perhaps the most self-sacrificing of the professions.

As a citizen he has taken an active interest in his community. He was President of the Olds Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Canadian Club, Extension Library Board of the Olds School of Agriculture and member of the Trustee Board of the Olds Public School for eleven years.

His home life with wife and children (daughter and son), is one of peaceful comfort where the hurry and bustle of modern living does not enter. His books and surroundings seem sufficient, yet following the traditional western custom they dispense a gracious hospitality, enjoyed by a wide circle of friends, in which it is a privilege to be included.

He is fond of sports hunting and fishing, and his rare holidays are often just a brief trip to the mountains west of Olds, where game and fish abound.

To such a man it is not surprising that Freemasonry should have made its appeal. He was initiated in Mountain View Lodge No. 16 at

Olds in October, 1911, and immediately took an active interest in the work of the lodge. He was elected Master in 1924, serving in that office for two years. In 1929 he became D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 4 and his efficient work among the lodges had a marked effect, which was highly appreciated, not only by them, but by Grand Lodge. In 1934 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and advancing in due course, was elected in 1937 Grand Master. He is also a Past First Principal of Joseph Stauffer Chapter No. 22, R.A.M., and a member of Cyprus Preceptory, Calgary.

His year of office as Grand Master was a most successful one. He visited all the District Meetings as well as many lodges, at each of which he delivered a carefully thought out message, conveying in unmistakable terms his high concept of Masonry and its mission in the present difficult times. That his work for the Craft was appreciated was shown by the hearty reception he received at the Annual Communication over which he presided, and which was one of the largest and most successful we have had.

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The Thirty-third Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Central Masonic Temple, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 8th, A.D. 1938, A.L. 5938, at the hour of 10:15 o'clock a.m.

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W. Bro. J. F. Dexter.....	W. M.	"	20

W. Bro. Neil Dorsey.....	W. M.	No.	22
W. Bro. C. H. Westmore.....	W. M.	"	23
Bro. Albert Kent.....	S. W.	"	23
W. Bro. K. E. Heacock.....	W. M.	"	25
W. Bro. J. J. Murray.....	W. M.	"	26
W. Bro. Robt. Hoe.....	W. M.	"	27
W. Bro. W. R. Reader.....	W. M.	"	28
Bro. F. M. Hayhoe.....	S. W.	"	29
W. Bro. A. E. Graham.....	W. M.	"	30
W. Bro. J. B. Humphreys.....	W. M.	"	32
W. Bro. W. E. Hawkins.....	W. M.	"	34
Bro. J. C. Ward.....	S. W.	"	34
Bro. John Ferguson.....	J. W.	"	34
W. Bro. Percy Yeo.....	W. M.	"	35
W. Bro. F. Thompson.....	W. M.	"	36
Bro. R. S. Haskayne.....	S. W.	"	36
Bro. Alex. Webb.....	S. W.	"	37
W. Bro. Wm. T. Hurst.....	W. M.	"	39
W. Bro. Stewart E. Wood.....	W. M.	"	42
W. Bro. C. G. Forryan.....	W. M.	"	44
W. Bro. W. J. Kent.....	W. M.	"	45
W. Bro. W. E. Eldred.....	W. M.	"	46
Bro. Allan B. Clutterham.....	J. W.	"	46
W. Bro. A. D. Currie.....	W. M.	"	48
Bro. R. Bibby.....	S. W.	"	51
Bro. H. M. Reid.....	J. W.	"	51
W. Bro. Geo. F. Ritchie.....	W. M.	"	54
Bro. P. E. Jordan.....	S. W.	"	54
W. Bro. J. I. Bryant.....	W. M.	"	56
W. Bro. R. Alexander.....	W. M.	"	59
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Bro. R. P. Biggs.....	S. W.	"	61
Bro. S. Pierce.....	S. W.	"	62
Bro. H. Birkness.....	J. W.	"	62
W. Bro. E. Ledgard.....	W. M.	"	63
Bro. W. H. Noble.....	S. W.	"	63
Bro. T. H. Morgan.....	J. W.	"	63
W. Bro. A. W. H. Morton.....	W. M.	"	67
W. Bro. R. Knox.....	W. M.	"	68
Bro. G. T. Harrison.....	J. W.	"	68
W. Bro. H. R. Brooke.....	W. M.	"	69
Bro. H. W. K. Hilliker.....	J. W.	"	69
W. Bro. Robt. Little.....	W. M.	"	71
W. Bro. H. L. Greene.....	W. M.	"	74
W. Bro. Harry Abbott.....	W. M.	"	75
Bro. A. L. Eastly.....	J. W.	"	75
W. Bro. J. Mundy.....	W. M.	"	76
W. Bro. J. S. Dawe.....	W. M.	"	77
W. Bro. A. W. Lailey.....	W. M.	"	78
W. Bro. Oscar McCune.....	W. M.	"	79
W. Bro. L. H. Nickerson.....	W. M.	"	80
Bro. Robt. Powell.....	S. W.	"	80
Bro. M. J. McCuaig.....	J. W.	"	80
W. Bro. L. A. Werner.....	W. M.	"	81
Bro. Geo. Campbell.....	J. W.	"	82
W. Bro. A. H. Warren.....	W. M.	"	83
Bro. H. Carmichael.....	J. W.	"	86
W. Bro. E. W. Elvey.....	W. M.	"	87

Bro. A. H. Key.....	S. W. No.	88
W. Bro. A. E. Brown.....	W. M.	90
Bro. G. A. Milne.....	S. W.	90
Bro. Wm. MacDonald.....	J. W.	90
W. Bro. G. J. Kelley.....	W. M.	91
W. Bro. Wm. Clyde.....	W. M.	92
Bro. A. Paton.....	J. W.	92
Bro. F. Shears.....	S. W.	94
W. Bro. J. A. Richardson.....	W. M.	96
Bro. R. Forrest.....	S. W.	96
W. Bro. S. Chandler.....	W. M.	97
W. Bro. W. R. Horner.....	W. M.	101
Bro. Henry Lunan.....	S. W.	101
R. W. Bro. T. J. Chavasse.....	W. M.	102
W. Bro. S. V. Snyder.....	J. W.	102
W. Bro. J. P. Kerr.....	W. M.	104
W. Bro. Norman Leslie.....	W. M.	105
W. Bro. R. Hayward.....	W. M.	110
W. Bro. Ambrose Firkus.....	W. M.	112
W. Bro. H. A. Symonds.....	S. W.	112
W. Bro. A. L. Robinson.....	W. M.	115
Bro. Henry H. Templeman.....	S. W.	117
W. Bro. D. Burgess.....	W. M.	118
W. Bro. G. C. Paterson.....	W. M.	119
W. Bro. J. G. Isbister.....	W. M.	122
W. Bro. J. A. Dunsmore.....	W. M.	123
W. Bro. H. J. Halvorson.....	W. M.	128
Bro. Murdoch McKinlay.....	S. W.	129
Bro. T. J. Hardwick.....	J. W.	129
W. Bro. Geo. E. Black.....	W. M.	134
Bro. Wm. H. Harper.....	J. W.	134
W. Bro. J. C. Hodgson.....	W. M.	135
W. Bro. C. M. Rud.....	W. M.	141
W. Bro. Sam B. Ferris.....	W. M.	142
W. Bro. Chas. B. Hunter.....	W. M.	143
Bro. W. C. King.....	J. W.	143
W. Bro. R. M. Clark.....	W. M.	154
Bro. Hugh Arthur.....	S. W.	157
W. Bro. Ernest V. Bergin.....	W. M.	160
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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies informed the Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations.

The Grand Master called the brethren to order and requested the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Dr. John Raper, to pronounce an invocation.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented Grand Lodge was then opened in Ample Form and with prayer.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF EDMONTON

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that His Worship the Mayor of Edmonton, Bro. J. W. Fry, was in waiting. The M. W. the Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill to retire and introduce His Worship. On his introduction the Grand Master welcomed him saying: "It is a particularly happy occasion to be able to welcome you to this Thirty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, both as Mayor of the City of Edmonton and a brother of the Craft. In these strenuous times, high positions carry great responsibilities and have many duties. We are indeed grateful that you have found time to come to us this morning, and we appreciate the distinct honor it is to have Your Worship present. We trust that within these walls you may find freedom from civic worries and enjoy the hearty fellowship of your brethren here assembled. I invite you, Sir, to take a seat in the East."

His Worship replied speaking of the pleasure it gave him to welcome the brethren of the Craft from all parts of the Province to the City of Edmonton. He thought that it was a good omen for their gathering that the rain had come with them, for they had been suffering in the northern part of the country for want of moisture. He was glad that the communication was held at this time of year and he hoped that the members would take the opportunity of seeing the many beauty spots in and around the City of Edmonton. There were wonderful drives along the river banks which he was sure they would greatly enjoy. He claimed to be one of the oldest members in the hall. For forty years and more he had been a member of the Craft and was proud of his connection with Freemasonry, and he congratulated the Grand Master on the large and enthusiastic gathering.

At the request of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock spoke briefly for the visiting brethren, thanking His Worship for his cordial welcome to the City.

WELCOME OF EDMONTON LODGES

The Masters of the thirteen lodges of the City of Edmonton assembled at the altar and presented through W. Bro. John S. Parker, W. M. of Edmonton Lodge No. 7, an address of welcome to the M. W. the Grand Master and all visiting lodges.

At the request of the Grand Master, R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine, D.D.G.M. of District No. 1, replied, the Edmonton Masters receiving hearty applause for their expression of hospitable goodfellowship.

RECEPTION OF HIS HONOUR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

The Grand Director of Ceremonies announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen, was arriving at the building. The W. M. the Grand Master directed the Grand Director of Ceremonies to retire with the Grand Stewards and as a Guard of Honour escort the Lieutenant-Governor into the lodge room. He also directed M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson to retire and introduce His Honour. On the arrival of the procession at the door of the lodge room, the Grand Tyler made the announcement, when the Grand Master called the brethren to attention and His Honour entered to the strains of the National Anthem, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Jackson and the Grand Director of Ceremonies and preceded by the Grand Tyler, the Grand Stewards forming the escort. At the altar the distinguished

guest was introduced by M. W. Bro. Jackson and invited to a seat in the East by the M. W. the Grand Master, to which he was escorted by his introducer and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, passing between the ranks of standard bearers, carrying the flags of the Dominions of the Empire, under M. W. Bro. John Martland, P.G.M., when the last two stanzas of "The Recessional" were sung. On taking his seat, the Grand Master addressed His Honour, saying:

"We are delighted to welcome you here this morning, Bro. Bowen, in your own right as a member of the Craft. That in itself is a pleasure to every brother present and on their behalf I, as Grand Master, tender to you the hearty fraternal greetings of this assembly.

"A survey of world tendencies warrants deep consideration by all sensible people. Evidently all democratic institutions are faced, whether they admit it or not, with a life and death struggle for very existence. Masonry survives only in those countries where democratic institutions continue—almost entirely those nations which inherit or follow British tradition.

"This Grand Jurisdiction is situated in a country which is a member of that great family, the British Commonwealth of Nations. The brethren of this jurisdiction wish to receive you as the Lieutenant-Governor of this province and offer homage fitting the direct representative of His Majesty the King.

"The great teaching of patriotism and of loyalty to the King and Country is inculcated deeply in Masonic hearts throughout the world. Our feelings of respect and devotion are expressed by symbolism and by this ceremony we humbly and sincerely rededicate ourselves and Masonry in this province to the service of our King and Empire. It is my privilege to offer Your Honour, as the representative of the Crown, hearty fraternal greetings from all Masonic lodges in this province, an expression of loyalty in common with the Dominions of the Commonwealth, whose flags are present here today." (Prolonged Applause)

At the direction of M. W. Bro. Martland each standard bearer advanced to the altar in turn, saluted the Lieutenant-Governor as the representative of His Majesty the King and retired back to the line. When Canada's flag saluted, the assemblage sang "O Canada", and after all Empire greetings were presented the ceremony concluded with the singing of "God Save the King."

His Honour was visibly impressed by the enthusiasm of the assembly and the dignity of the ceremony and spoke as follows:
"M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"It is indeed a great honor to have been the subject of such a reception and to receive the greetings from Canada and the other countries of the Empire as you have presented them.

"We are in a period of history where we find it necessary to defend Democracy and all its idealology against the terrorism of the Totalitarian State. I need hardly remind you this morning, especially as Masons, that when a statement is made, as was recently, that Democracy will be dethroned and be replaced by the vicious slavery of the Totalitarian, what this will mean to all men and Masons throughout the world. If the time should ever come in Canada when democracy would be thus threatened, I feel sure that Masonry would be found on

the side of Liberty, and that Masons would not forget to consider those things that Masonry stands for.

"Throughout this Dominion of Canada for a great many years we have enjoyed the utmost freedom common to all English speaking countries, but there are forces at work that tend towards disintegration in our nine provinces and set up some sort of totalitarian dictatorship. It should be remembered by all sections of the Dominion of Canada, and I am sure they will recognise it, that this Dominion can only achieve greatness by all parts of the nine provinces of Canada educating its people up to the high ideal of the founders of Confederation, and to this end Masonry has a great contribution to make.

"I think I am not assuming too much when I say to you this morning that it is time to attempt in our own way to combat those sinister forces that would disrupt us, and by carefully presenting all points of view preserve that basis of freedom and spirit of co-operation. Otherwise we will not achieve that greatness to which we were born.

"I feel proud to be here this morning, to be welcomed by you in Grand Lodge and to receive from you the loyal expressions of devotion to His Majesty's person, and I am sure that we are all proud of the fact that His Majesty is a member of the Craft and therefore supports and maintains its great principles. I thank you on his behalf for your expressions of absolute loyalty and devotion to the British Empire here this morning.

"I shall not detain you longer, M. W. Sir, for I am to speak again this evening and I do not want you to get tired of me, but I must again thank you most heartily for your cordial welcome and demonstration of fealty to His Majesty's throne in this province." (Hearty Applause).

REPRESENTATION LODGES IN ARREARS

The Grand Secretary stated that according to the Constitution now, lodges in arrears for Grand Lodge dues and fees are not entitled to representation in Grand Lodge. There were three lodges in this position and the situation was explained at the meeting of the Board of General Purposes, who agreed to recommend to Grand Lodge that representation be granted these lodges because of the effort they had made to clear their indebtedness.

It was therefore resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by V. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124), "That representation in this Grand Lodge be granted to these lodges."

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M. W. the Grand Master requested the Grand Secretary to call the roll of Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, each taking his place before the altar as his name was called, forty-two Grand Jurisdictions being represented. They were received with Grand Honors and M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M., Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, speaking for the Grand Representatives present, after they had presented the greetings of their respective Grand Lodge, felt that it was appropriate that he as Grand Representative of the Mother Grand Lodge of the world was selected to convey the message of goodwill to

the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Alberta. On such an occasion as this, when the direct representative of His Majesty the King has honored us with his presence, an opportunity is given of which we are glad to take advantage and we would express to him the high respect and regard which Masonry throughout the world, both within and without the Empire, has for the Royal Family of Great Britain, and especially for the King whose official birthday is celebrated tomorrow. He concluded by expressing the wishes of the jurisdictions here represented that Peace, Harmony and Prosperity would mark the progress of Masonry in Alberta.

The M. W. the Grand Master in welcoming the Grand Representatives replied as follows:

"It is doubly fitting that the greetings of our sister Grand Jurisdictions should be expressed on their behalf by yourself, M. W. Sir. It is particularly appropriate on the occasion of the visit of His Honour that the representative of the M. W. United Grand Lodge of England should convey these fraternal good wishes from all parts of the world to this Grand Jurisdiction. The greetings are enhanced not only by reason of the Masonic honors which have been worthily bestowed upon you, M. W. Bro. Braithwaite, but because you have become the very personal friend of so many of the brethren here. The greetings and good wishes that have been expressed I fraternally reciprocate on behalf of this jurisdiction and direct that due note be made in our Proceedings.

"Through this interchange of Grand Representatives we realize more fully the universality of Masonry. And through this diffusion of Amity and fellowship among men, may that goodwill that makes for peace among nations be strengthened.

'And thus we to the world may prove
That nations can as Brothers love.'

"I would ask that each Grand Representative convey to his respective Grand Jurisdiction the heartiest greetings from the Grand Lodge of Alberta."

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-second Annual Communication, held in the City of Calgary, on June 9th and 10th, 1937, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed with an amendment, that the following ruling made by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, Grand Master, in Grand Lodge, in connection with Section 228 of the Constitution, Honorary Membership, by included in the minutes and listed under 'Grand Master's Rulings,' in the Proceedings: 'That a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual Grand Lodge dues for such member'."

COMMUNICATIONS

The Grand Secretary then read the following telegrams to Grand Lodges which are meeting today, which had been sent by the direction of the Grand Master:

"Grand Lodge of Alberta in session extends warmest fraternal greetings and best wishes to the brethren of Manitoba. We trust your

sixty-third Annual Communication will be richly blessed in its deliberations."

"Grand Lodge of Alberta sends warmest fraternal greetings to Grand Master and brethren of Nova Scotia in this year of Bicentenary celebration. We congratulate you on two-hundred years of successful Masonic effort and sincerely hope that your Grand Body will go from strength to strength as the years go by."

"Grand Lodge of Alberta in session sends hearty fraternal greetings and best wishes coupled with the hope that your Annual Communication may be one of profit and pleasure to the brethren of Vermont."

"Grand Lodge of Alberta in session extends hearty fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful and beneficial communication to the Grand Lodge of Iowa."

The following replies were received:

"Grand Lodge of Manitoba in session expresses sincere thanks for your kindly greetings and hopes that your Annual Communication may prove happy and beneficial to the Craft in Alberta."

"Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in session heartily reciprocate the fraternal greetings conveyed to us in your message received. We trust your Grand Body may have a most happy and prosperous communication."

"Grand Lodge of Vermont received with pleasure fraternal greetings and best wishes of Grand Lodge of Alberta."

Greetings and best wishes were also received from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and from the following members of this Grand Lodge who regretted their inability to be present: M. W. Bro. J. Watson Young, P.G.M., (Ontario); M. W. Bro. V. A. Bowes, P.G.M., (Winnipeg); M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, P.G.T., (Ohio); R. W. Bro. J. A. Bell, D.D.G.M. District No. 2; V. W. Bro. Robert J. Dawes, Hon. P.G.D.C. (England).

The Grand Master announced that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor now wished to retire and called the lodge up. His Honour then retired escorted by the Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Grand Stewards.

Grand Master's Address

My Brethren:

This Annual Communication marks the thirty-third milestone in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction, and I welcome you with sincere and hearty fraternal greetings. We are privileged to again meet in our capital city, and the brethren of Edmonton bear no mean reputation for hospitality. Nature has deigned to favor us with sufficient moisture to warrant optimism in the crop outlook. A hearty welcome, a free hospitality and a kindly nature should make this a time of happy reunion for older members. May these factors combine to make the hand of fellowship warm the hearts of those not so familiar with Grand Lodge and cause them to realize a true fraternalism.

We trust that the spirit of concord and harmony may not only prevail throughout the entire session, but that it may be augmented for the days to come. May sound judgment, rather than desire, guide in all deliberations, and clear vision ever keep in view the ultimate good of the Institution and the Craft.

The year just closing has been a very happy one for me. The responsibilities and duties of a Grand Master are many—the fulfillment of his intent limited by opportunity and circumstance. To have followed in the footsteps of those illustrious brethren who have carried Masonry forward in this jurisdiction is indeed a great honor. If new ground has been broken and properly tilled to yield greater Masonic harvest, then am I indeed grateful to you who have made it possible. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for unceasing kindness, continuous loyalty, and unstinted help in my endeavor.

NECROLOGY

The Grim Reaper has not failed to take his customary toll and it is with sorrow that we record the loss by death of beloved brethren. To the bereaved ones of this jurisdiction and also to those of other Grand Jurisdictions, we offer the sympathy of understanding hearts.

This year has witnessed the passing of two Past Grand Masters of our own jurisdiction. I refer to M. W. Bro. Archdeacon George H. Hogbin, who died in England on September 7th, 1937, and M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, who died in Winnipeg on February 28th last. Accompanied by several of the Grand Lodge officers, I attended the funeral services of Bro. Patterson, and the great respect in which he was held was clearly evidenced. Permanent records will be made in our Proceedings as suitable memorials of these distinguished brethren.

Further loving reference will be made in the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead to those brethren who have laid down the working tools during the year.

*"When such men as these die,
Their place ye cannot well supply,
Though ye among a thousand try
With vain endeavor."*

Let us pay silent tribute to their memories:

DROUTH RELIEF

The Craft throughout the length and breadth of this Grand Jurisdiction have demonstrated clearly that a Masonic appeal for help is promptly heard and heeded. Benevolence truly is a distinguishing characteristic of a Masonic heart. It can scarcely be said that an appeal for help for those in need was made by the Grand Master. It appears rather that the opportunity for Masonic usefulness was pointed out, and the brethren, individually and through their lodges went promptly to work. The effort itself became many sided and tremendous in its proportions. The results achieved are quite impossible of definition. Mere recital of means by which physical discomforts of men, women and children were lessened tells so little of the truth. Necessary and great as these means were, whether food, clothing or money, they became lost in the greater measure of comfort when personal kindness warms the heart that is sore distressed.

*"Tis the human touch in the world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
That means more to the fainting heart
Than shelter, and bread, and wine.*

*"For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And food lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand, and the sound of the voice
Will live in the soul away."*

Not less important or far reaching is the result of this splendid work to the Craft. Many brethren found great happiness in helping the other fellow, travelling by day and night to relieve his distress. Some discovered the greatest inward satisfaction when quite exhausted physically. Reference should be made to Bro. W. R. Hoy, S.D. of Calgary Lodge No. 23, who for some weeks had carried on strenuously the collecting of needed articles, and whose last act before suddenly passing was to complete his large quota of work. But he was happy in the good he had done. The Craft has surprised both itself and those without the membership. It has discovered how hungry and eager it was to put into action one of the principles of the Institution. It has learned to use some of its potential strength; it has conceived possibilities for the future. The outside world has not failed to recognize these, and distribution to all in need, without limitation to those in advantage by reason of the ballot, has had a salutary effect both in and out of the Order.

It still rings true that,

*"Mercy is twice blest,
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes,
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest."*

Those in need were helped in various ways through the Drouth Relief activities of the lodges. To present a definite picture of accomplishment, the results will be reported under various headings. It must be understood that this report deals only with information that reached the office of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, and that everything done was not reported by the lodges.

Foodstuffs—Chiefly Fresh Vegetables:

These were collected by the lodges, or their members, or through community effort sponsored or assisted by them. In some cases as

many as four carloads were shipped from one district, and advice received indicates that over 100 carloads of vegetables were shipped to the drouth areas of this jurisdiction and the sister province of Saskatchewan. In all possible cases the nearest lodge to the destination of the car was advised of the shipment and some members of that lodge became a part of the distribution committee. Much credit is due these brethren for their work and care in making certain that distribution was to all needy, irrespective of other consideration or affiliation. A considerable amount of work was required from the 'D.D.G.M.'s, both in collection and distribution, and this was given most willingly. The following lodges have reported as shipping vegetables:

Spitzie, No. 6	Coal, No. 62
Innisfail, No. 8	St. Andrew's, No. 66
Eureka, No. 10	Edson, No. 68
Red Deer, No. 12	Connaught, No. 69
Nanton, No. 17	Brooks, No. 73
Mountain View, No. 16	Harmony, No. 75
Britannia, No. 18	Fidelity, No. 76
Cornerstone, No. 19	Dynamic, No. 96
Carstairs, No. 20	Ancient Landmark, No. 109
Corinthian, No. 22	Kilwinning, No. 110
Apollo, No. 27	Victory, No. 112
Kenilworth, No. 29	Rising Sun, No. 122
Stavely, No. 33	Cavell, No. 125
Star of the West, No. 34	Pembina, No. 126
Camrose, No. 37	Granite, No. 127
Hope, No. 38	Meridian, No. 129
Bowden, No. 42	Irricana, No. 137
Buffalo Park, No. 44	Kitscoty, No. 131
Ionic, No. 45	Gratton, No. 144
Palestine, No. 46	Mayerthorpe, No. 148
Crossfield, No. 48	Sharon, No. 157

Mention is made of Dynamic Lodge No. 96 at Holden, as, besides vegetables, the members obtained a car of coal and arranged freight charges to Saskatchewan without outside help.

Thanks for the carloads of food sent is expressed by Edna Jaques, in this manner:

*"We had no harvest here, yet we have shared
The harvest of far fields—have dined twofold
On food and love. Here in this barren place
We have shared bread and shelter from the cold,
Warm in our veins has flowed the love you sent
And every meal has been a sacrament.*

*"Although our tables stand so far apart
Still they are one, guests in a far-off place,
Who sit with you and eat your broken bread,
Repeating after you your whispered grace,
Blessing the food that multiplies and heals
The heartache and wounds of barren fields."*

Cash:

Donations in cash to this relief work were very generous. Many lodges found it more convenient to aid in this manner and some con-

tributed cash and vegetables, others cash and clothing. Some donations were sent direct from the lodge to the desired recipient, some direct to the Red Cross, while some were sent for specific distribution and were expended accordingly. It was found necessary, however, to establish a fund, known as the Grand Master's Drouth Relief Fund, and in this was deposited the magnificent total of \$969.00. A total cash contribution of \$1,115.00 came to the notice of the Grand Secretary. This amount is acknowledged from the following lodges:

Perfection, No. 9	Norwood, No. 90
Cornerstone, No. 19	Grande Prairie, No. 105
Corinthian, No. 22	Lake Saskatoon, No. 106
Calgary, No. 23	Spirit River, No. 116
Ashlar, No. 28	Concord, No. 124
King George, No. 59	Renfrew, No. 134
Edson, No. 68	Ivanhoe, No. 142
Strathcona, No. 77	Jasper Park, No. 143
Zetland, No. 83	Hythe, No. 156
Rocky Mountain, No. 86	Sharon, No. 157
Wahpun, No. 88	Sexsmith, No. 160
Peace River, No. 89	

It is felt that amounts were collected by several lodges and expended by them, and no report given to the Grand Secretary. For these works we are equally grateful.

The Grand Master's Drouth Relief Fund was expended in the following manner:

Special parcels to Saskatchewan.....	\$163.54
Overshoes and shoes purchased.....	517.38
Cartage and assistance in Red Cross warehouse.....	54.50
Balance on hand.....	233.58
Total.....	\$969.00

The Balance on hand represents monies received from lodges after the parcels of clothing had been sent out and arrangements are under way to use this money for cases of special distress in the drouth area.

Certain incidental expense of the campaign, amounting to \$113.51, was defrayed from Grand Lodge funds, so that monies contributed could be used for the actual relief for which it was intended.

Clothing:

Literally tons of used clothing were collected. The following procedure was adopted in distribution. Lists of families in need were sent in to the office of the Grand Secretary by lodges in the drouth areas. These were carefully checked with records in the Red Cross office by Lt. Col. D. H. Tomlinson, the Commissioner. The clothing was then sorted as to garments and sizes and distributed for the families listed. All children on the lists were supplied with overshoes, which were purchased from the cash donations received, while a number of the smaller children also received shoes and underclothing. In addition to the above, the Red Cross supplied a number of blankets from their own stocks.

The following lodges contributed boxes and bundles of clothing totalling 364:

Bow River, No. 1	King George, No. 59
Cornerstone, No. 19	Zetland, No. 83
Calgary, No. 23	Crescent, No. 87
Ashlar, No. 28	St. Mark's, No. 118
Gleichen, No. 33	Concord, No. 124
Mount Lebanon, No. 54	Renfrew, No. 134
Jasper Park, No. 143	

These boxes or bundles contained in the vicinity of 4,600 items of clothing, counting shoes and two piece underwear as one item. Most of the clothing was in good condition and much of it was new. One hundred and twelve blankets were included and 300 pairs of overshoes, men's, women's and children's. Sacks of sugar and numerous household items were found among the contributions, all of which were dispatched by the Red Cross in four shipments to the following points: Redcliff, Bow Island, Cereal and Hanna, all in Alberta.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the Red Cross and Lt. Col. Bro. D. H. Tomlinson for valuable help, advice, checking of lists, sorting and free distribution. This made possible a work that without proper staff and experience we should have been unable to carry on efficiently without great expense.

In addition to the above, a large shipment of used clothing was collected by Edmonton Lodge No. 7 and Unity Lodge No. 51, in response to an appeal by Hussar and Crocus Lodges, for distribution in their districts, while considerable quantities of clothing, used and new, were sent without record in the cars of vegetables.

Saskatchewan:

The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, successfully sponsored a truly Masonic work. District No. 14, in Saskatchewan, lies in the worst part of the drouth area in that province and suffering was very keen. The purchase of new clothing was made possible by donations obtained through the efforts of Bro. Botterill, and thirty parcels, with an approximate value of \$475.00 were sent for distribution at Christmas time to the thirteen lodges in that district. Each parcel, with minor changes, contained:

Women—2 suits underwear, 2 pair shoes.
Children—2, 4 and 6 years of age—2 suits of underwear,
2 pair hose and 1 pair shoes each.

Donations were received from the following lodges or members of these lodges:

Red Deer, No. 12	Kenilworth, No. 29
Mountain View, No. 16	St. Andrew's, No. 66
Carstairs, No. 20	Calgary Lodge of Perfection,
King Hiram, No. 21	A. & A.S.R.
	Peace River Lodges

Reference must be made here to the action of the eight lodges in District No. 13, the Peace River District. Seven of these lodges

contributed liberally to this fund, and equal acknowledgment is made to the other lodge, in that it equipped a hospital ward and so rendered valuable service in that district.

The appreciation of this fine work is best expressed by an extract from a letter from Saskatchewan:

"One cannot help but be practically overwhelmed with the kindly, thoughtful and practical exemplification of the teachings of the N.E. angle as they have been displayed by our good brethren of Alberta. The Masonry of the brethren here is the lifebuoy to which they are invariably clinging, and when they find they are not forgotten, but are tangibly in the minds of their brethren, situated in slightly more fortunate areas, they simply glow with pride in their membership in the Institution. These testing times have immeasurably strengthened our Institution, eliminated fancied jurisdictional boundaries and knit the whole Masonic family more closely together than ever before."

Christmas Tree Project:

The Masters and Wardens Association of Edmonton undertook a Christmas Tree project, and its success brought happiness to many. Through their effort \$336.60 was collected, which with the aid of generous discounts allowed, enabled the association to purchase 385 toys, 152 pair mitts, 72 suits boys' underwear, 204 pair stockings, 76 suits girls' underwear, 210 pounds mixed nuts, 200 pounds special Christmas candy and five cases of oranges. This was distributed to children in the districts of Monitor, Quarry, Berry Creek, Acadia, Crocus and Hussar Lodges. These lodges were instructed that the shipment was to be individually delivered to those families in destitute circumstances with children under 8 years of age, regardless of religious or other affiliations.

That these efforts were worthwhile and prevented in many small hearts on Christmas morning a feeling of bitter disappointment, saving parents from a day of hopeless heartache, is evidenced by the following quotation from a letter of thanks:

"After many years of enforced denial and of being compelled to get along with very little, gifts such as yours touch the heart with a sense of feeling that leaves an impression which will never be forgotten."

Work Not Reported, and Conclusion:

It is certain that through many lodges and individuals a great deal of wonderful work was done, of which we have no record. Two instances come at once to mind: The brethren of King Hiram Lodge sponsor each year, in their community, a collection of food and vegetables amounting to many truck loads for the Woods Christian Home. The members of the Medicine Hat lodges, learning at a banquet table that families in their district missed onions from their diet, promptly deposited enough in the hat to purchase a couple of tons for immediate distribution. How much of just such Masonry has brought comfort and happiness in this jurisdiction no one knows, but it is recorded:

"That inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these
. . . ye have done it unto Me."

Thus, your effort has been crowned with unstinted success, from which the hardest workers gained the greatest happiness. By putting Masonry to work we have seen one of the great teachings of our Order exemplified, and as always the result has been beneficent to mankind. This chapter of work is completed—Masonry still seeks expression. Opportunity in some field is always before us. "Seek and ye shall find."

*"The soul grows by leaps and bounds, by throes and throbs,
A flash, and a glory stands revealed,
For which you have been groping blindly
Through the years."*

The thanks of the Grand Master for this magnificent effort are herewith expressed.

WELFARE OF THE CRAFT

Although a further reduction in membership has again to be reported, Masonry is decidedly on the upward trend. There are definite reasons for the difficulties the Institution has encountered. There are certain world tendencies, both of thought and of living, very much to the front, which are directly opposed to Masonry. Economic conditions the world over are unsatisfactory. The resultant searching for a way out leads members into interests which are not Masonic. The drouth experience of this jurisdiction has created financial difficulties sufficiently heavy to not only exaggerate the effects already mentioned, but to make living itself very precarious for many. These general conditions have led to a loss of membership from non-payment of dues and dimits, to a dearth of candidates, and a struggle on the part of the lodges to create and maintain interest. Such conditions are dangerous, as they tend to disintegration of lodges, not altogether for financial reasons, but from lack of something vital in and out of lodge. Lodges long without candidates may be inclined to lower the standard of admission and receive those who are not truly Masonic timber, or who may sooner or later become liabilities rather than assets to the lodge. There is also a potential danger of the adoption of some innovation or objective for the Craft which may ultimately prove detrimental to the lodges and Masonry.

I have taken the opportunity during my year of office to visit many constituent lodges apart from District Meetings, and am convinced of the interest and sincerity of the Masons in this jurisdiction. The stalwarts who are carrying on in the face of these difficulties feel the need of encouragement. They are eager to have a fresh vision of Masonry and its position defined in relation to present world conditions. The brethren are anxious for an understanding of Masonry, its usefulness, and for direction in Masonic work. The Craft feel that their needs and desires can best be attained through a more intimate contact with Grand Lodge and the help of its Grand Lodge officers. This can be accomplished chiefly by visitation. The effort and expense of these visitations can be reduced in proportion to contacts made, by several lodges meeting at one place on the occasion of the visit of Grand Officers. At Banff, Red Deer and Olds this year when this was done, nearly thirty lodges were represented at each meeting. If a social rather than regular lodge meeting is held, it seems to enhance the value of the get-together. The lodges are calling

for such support as Grand Lodge visitations undoubtedly give them and two difficulties limit the service of Grand Lodge:

1. The time of the Grand Master. A brother in accepting this high office must be prepared to give freely of his time; but there is a limit.

2. The financing of the activities of the Grand Master by Grand Lodge.

The revenues of the Grand Lodge have been greatly reduced during the last few years by reason of:

Lower membership—therefore lower per capita returns.

Lower interest rates and fewer candidates.

Until the present, the Finance Committee has succeeded in meeting the expenses of the Grand Master. It appears that at a time when the Craft generally and perhaps the smaller lodges in particular, need more help, the activities of the Grand Master within the jurisdiction must be curtailed, or arrangements made by the Craft for money for that purpose.

Three courses seem to be open:

1. A charge, not exceeding \$1,000.00 a year, on the Relief Fund, for the General Fund, as an allowance for office expenses incurred in connection with Benevolence. This may temporarily provide sufficient revenue to carry on, although other plans may need to be developed.

2. Increasing the per capita a few cents and ear-marking this money for the use of the Grand Master in this jurisdiction, this to be used only for work other than District Meetings, Grand Lodge communications and special Grand Lodge affairs.

3. Appointment by the Grand Master of a committee to investigate the financial set-up of Grand Lodge and report at the next Annual Communication, having given notice of motion for that meeting for changes they may deem necessary.

The Craft want the help of the Grand Master. They cannot wish him to be out-of-pocket because of that service. The finest potential Grand Master may find it impossible to go ahead and give his best to the Craft if it is necessary to afford expenses as well as time.

HISTORIC OCCASIONS

Two lodges celebrated fittingly their Golden Jubilee anniversaries this year. North Star Lodge No. 4, meeting on the evening of March 14th. A very fine spirit of appreciation of the work of North Star Lodge was shown by the members. It was a noteworthy occasion and proper honor was done to R. W. Bro. Thos. MacPherson, the guest of the evening, who was the first Master of North Star Lodge. Bro. MacPherson was presented by the brethren with a very fine jewel to mark the event.

Cascade Lodge No. 5 on April 5th held a truly fraternal meeting to mark their anniversary, followed by a banquet in the Brewster Hall. The occasion was one of many reminiscences and the history of this lodge is very definitely associated with the early Masonry of

the jurisdiction. I was accompanied on each visit by several Grand Lodge officers. Congratulations are tendered these lodges.

Strathcona Lodge No. 77, fittingly noted their twenty-fifth anniversary, at which R. W. Bro. A. West offered the respects and good wishes on behalf of the Grand Master. R. W. Bro. West also attended the laying of the corner stone and dedication of the Temple at Vermilion Lodge No. 24, at Vermilion, on November 2nd. This ceremony, although not officially a Grand Lodge responsibility, was given what support Grand Lodge officers could, and a fine report was forwarded to the Grand Master, which has been placed in our archives.

VISITATIONS

Many lodges in this jurisdiction remember by special function, occasions of patriotic nature. It is well—undoubtedly it would be better if all did. I was fortunate in being present at Lodge Renfrew, No. 134, and Ionic Lodge, No. 45, on their Armistice Nights. Both meetings were marked with that solemnity and respect which befits the occasion.

The officers and members of Empire Lodge No. 63 are to be sincerely congratulated on the very dignified and impressive ceremony they have developed in their annual Empire Night. The occasion was again honored by the presence of His Majesty's Representative, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen. Many thanks are due M. W. Bro. John Martland of this lodge for his fine work for Masonry.

Dominion Lodge No. 117 had a very fine patriotic evening in which Confederation and Canadianism were properly emphasized. Many visitors were present and the banquet hall was appropriately decorated and the brethren hailing from the same province were given opportunity to refresh old times by being seated at the same table. Every province was well represented.

Cascade Lodge No. 5 uses its geographical location and holds an annual interprovincial night. This proves to be a meeting of great interest and brethren come from far and wide to enjoy the fraternalism and hospitality of the Banff brethren. Some twenty-eight lodges were represented this year and such a get-together must strengthen those bonds by which union is sustained in our Dominion.

I was privileged to visit officially, apart from district meetings and special occasions elsewhere enumerated, the following lodges:

Tawatinaw, No. 71	Irricana, No. 137
Zetland, No. 83	King George, No. 59
St. Mark's, No. 118	Concord, No. 124
Fidelity, No. 76	Edmonton, No. 7
Bow River, No. 1	Crescent, No. 87
St. Andrew's, No. 66	Norwood, No. 90
	Perfection, No. 9

Deep appreciation is expressed for the honor done your Grand Master on every occasion, and sincere thanks for the many invitations which could not be accepted.

Mention must be made here of the keen disappointment experienced in not reaching the meeting arranged for Spirit River. The

brethren of District No. 13 were good enough to gather at Spirit River Lodge to hold a combined meeting, but unfortunately weather conditions became so terrible that although but a few miles remained to travel, I was forced to turn back. I regret exceedingly that I was not able to be present with the brethren as arranged.

Three gatherings of a rather different nature deserve special mention. A meeting was called by the brethren of Mountain View Lodge No. 16, my home lodge, following Grand Lodge communication. This afforded an opportunity for the brethren of the immediate district to congratulate me and express the appreciation of the smaller lodges which share this honor. Many lodges were represented on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, when Red Deer Lodge No. 12 and Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 held a joint meeting at Red Deer, to which were invited the brethren of surrounding lodges. This was not a lodge meeting, but rather an informal meeting of lodge members. A fine social and instructive Masonic evening was enjoyed, with some twenty-six lodges represented, His Worship the Mayor, R. W. Bro. A. Davison, driving from Calgary for the occasion.

On April 9th a unique and pleasing party was held at Olds, when the brethren of District No. 1, headed by the Calgary brethren, came one hundred and fifteen strong to visit the Grand Master at home. No lodge was held, but a thoroughly fraternal evening deepened Masonry in all our hearts. Every lodge in District No. 1 was represented, and some twenty-nine lodges in all.

I mention these three meetings for two purposes; first because they were very kind gestures to me personally and as such are very dear. And in the second place, to draw to the attention of the Craft the possibility of having practically every lodge in the jurisdiction come in personal contact with the Grand Master and Grand Officers, without much expense or loss of time, and under circumstances where the greatest good feeling prevails. Friendships are made and deepened and Masonry encouraged and invigorated by such meetings.

VISITATION GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN

It was a pleasure to accept the invitation to visit the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at their annual communication in June last year. The meeting was held in the City of Moose Jaw and was presided over by the Grand Master, Dr. J. W. Estey, Minister of Education in the Government of that Province. The Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba was also present. The attendance was large and the members enthusiastic, in spite of seven consecutive years of crop failure from drouth. Nothing but admiration can be felt for men of such undaunted spirit. They have learned:

*"To meet with Triumph and Disaster,
And treat these two imposters just the same."*

We pray that they may harvest crops this year that will relieve their distress and reward them for their indomitable courage.

JOINT INSTALLATIONS

Joint Installations were carried out at several points last December. This was attempted for several reasons. It gave the Grand Master and Grand Officers opportunity to meet the brethren of three

to five lodges at each meeting. It brought the brethren together in larger groups, at a festive season when fellowship could well reign. The ceremony of installation was better done than the average small lodge ever attempts. It was felt that by holding joint meetings at a point where interest was not too high, very great stimulation and encouragement might result. Joint installations, which I attended, were held at Carstairs with King Hiram and Crossfield Lodges; at Bowden with Innisfail and Mountain View Lodges and at Apollo Lodge with Rising Sun, Ionic and Cavell Lodges. Thanks are due R. W. Bro. David Patterson and R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis of Calgary for splendid work at Carstairs, and R. W. Bros. W. J. Stephenson and A. Mitchell of Red Deer for their excellent exemplification of the Installation ceremony at Bowden. The work in charge of R. W. Bro. J. W. McBrine, of Apollo Lodge, was equally impressive.

The lodges which held these installations feel that real good came from the effort and this is recommended to the attention of lodge officers.

AMALGAMATION

Donalda Lodge No. 150, situated at Donalda, found its membership, which was not large, so scattered that it became difficult to carry on regular and profitable meetings. The quality of the membership and their love of Masonry was demonstrated by their willingness to amalgamate with Apollo Lodge No. 27 of Stettler, and so continue to be of service to Masonry. On December 6th, 1937, this was accordingly carried out, as required by the Constitution, and with the greatest accord and harmony.

BY-LAWS

More than the usual number of lodges found necessity of changing by-laws to meet the requirements of the new Constitution. A considerable number took advantage to redraft their By-laws entirely.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Relations with other jurisdictions have continued of the most harmonious nature and the exchange of Grand Representatives encourages this fraternalism.

Recommendations were made to and confirmed by the Grand Masters of the following Grand Lodges, of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta:

Denmark (National).....M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay
Paraiba, Brazil.....V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis

I have made the following recommendations, but commissions have not yet been received from:

New Mexico.....R. W. Bro. John A. Livingstone
Puerto Rico.....V. W. Bro. David Patterson
Peru.....R. W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson
Queensland.....R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell

Commissions appointing Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the following Grand Lodges, on the recommendation of their respective Grand Masters were issued:

Denmark (National).....	M. W. Bro. Wm. Mallng
Missouri.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. C. Reese
New Brunswick.....	W. Bro. Peter Fraser
New Mexico.....	M. W. Bro. Wm. B. Walton
New York.....	W. Bro. William W. Graham
Paraiba, Brazil.....	R. W. Bro. J. G. Coelho
Peru.....	R. W. Bro. Pedro F. Rodo
Prince Edward Island.....	W. Bro. George R. Brady
South Dakota.....	R. W. Bro. A. C. Warner
Victoria.....	V. W. Bro. Hamilton S. Smith

RULINGS AND DECISIONS

1. A lodge spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months. I ruled that such a motion was not in order; the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to inform the lodge that such a motion was null and void. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.)

2. A lodge requested a ruling as to whether they could by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership. I ruled that initiation and affiliation fees should be definitely fixed for those purposes only, while the dues should be set as a stated amount and paid according to Section 207 of the Constitution.

3. A request was made for a ruling re Honorary Membership by a lodge. The matter was covered by M. W. Bro. Macaulay's ruling made last year at Grand Lodge and will be considered as an amendment to the Minutes at this Grand Lodge.

4. The decision made by the D.D.G.M. of District No. 16, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this, was concurred in by me.

DISPENSATIONS

I refused to grant dispensations to lodges in the following cases:

1. To receive and act on petition of an applicant whose physical disability was such that he could not comply with the requirements of the Constitution. This was done with considerable regret. The difficulties of reaching a fair decision could be lessened, and a greater uniformity of decisions regarding physical disabilities would result, if the Committee on Jurisprudence expressed as definitely as possible their opinion on this matter, as a guide for the Grand Master.

2. To initiate a candidate within the required time of two months from date of reception of his petition. In this case the reasons given did not appear sufficient to warrant the issuing of a dispensation.

3. To allow a Masonic funeral in the case of a dimitted brother, which would be contrary to Section 248 of the Constitution.

4. To allow a Masonic funeral in the case of a brother who was suspended for non-payment of dues. (See Section 238, Constitution.)

Dispensations granted by me are listed in the Grand Secretary's report.

DISTRICT MEETINGS AND D.D.G.M.'S

I attended the District Meeting held in each of the seventeen districts and in each case the D.D.G.M. was in charge. In most districts attempt was made to have the business conducted in the afternoon session to allow greater time for the banquet, a social hour and the Grand Master and Grand Officers in the evening. District No. 1 made their afternoon session a meeting of Masters and Wardens and found the arrangement satisfactory.

The subjects of District Meetings and D.D.G.M.'s are so closely associated that it seems impossible to speak or think of one without the other entering the picture. The success of our District Meetings is dependent largely upon the initiative and energy and understanding of the District Deputy. The District Meetings this year have as always reflected to some extent at least these qualities of the D.D.G.M.'s. Let me make plain what I mean. My District Deputies have given this jurisdiction the heartiest of co-operation and good intent, and I would hesitate to believe that any Grand Master ever had better. My point, however, is that the position is so important that it justifies the exaction on the part of the district that any brother elected to this office must be more than a good fellow. Its importance demands and the brethren are justified in the feeling that only he should be selected who not only has Masonry at heart, but has a grasp of our Institution and what it is all about.

The meetings this year have been marked by good attendance, keen interest and a remarkable spirit of fellowship. This indicates that Masonry is still active in the hearts of the members and but waits opportunity for expression. As explanation for the success of the District Meetings and to show reason why my D.D.G.M.'s have aroused interest and activity in their respective districts, I quote from letters just received from these brethren:

"One subject I have stressed throughout the year is 'The Forgotten Mason,' and by this I refer to the Mason in residence in the jurisdiction of a local lodge who for some reason has not affiliated with the local lodge. We invariably find that the local lodge has no information regarding this particular brother, and no historical record. Should anything happen to the brother the lodge is frequently placed in an embarrassing position. From the other side of the question we find that brothers leaving the home jurisdiction do not readily find acquaintance with the brothers in the new jurisdiction, and their connection with the Mother Lodge apparently begins and ends with the receipt of the regular lodge notices."

I remark, this is a point worth consideration by Grand Lodge.

To quote again:

"A subject which has been given much attention in this district is the 'Future of Masonry.' I am calling a meeting of all the lodges in this district and the subject will be given a complete 'airing,' and whether Masonry will decide to try and live on the traditions of the past, or whether we will go on record in favor of 'Progress' will be decided in this district on that night."

From another district we have this:

"A properly functioning Masonic lodge should, without ostentation, lend its active support to all community enterprises having in view the betterment of social conditions, and should frown on all suggestions that the moral law is merely an ornament to what some may consider a commonplace code."

My opinion on lodge functions is expressed elsewhere. But, my brethren, I say to you that D.D.G.M.'s who raise and discuss such subjects with the brethren of their districts have a very important effect on what Freemasonry is going to do and be in this jurisdiction. I wish to express my deep appreciation on the sincere, efficient and stimulating work of the District Deputies of this year.

GENERAL

The Grand Lodge *Bulletin* has had an increased circulation and greater use is being made of it by most lodges. Several lodges are now subscribing for extra copies. It has the opportunity not only to arouse discussion and deepen thought, but to guide and influence and stabilize the Craft along proper Masonic lines. Thanks are due to M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell for his great effort for the *Bulletin*.

Lodge secretaries are reminded to follow the Constitution more carefully in regard to work spread on the lodge summonses. Reference is made to Sections 194 and 213 particularly. Some lodges have spread work on notices which requires dispensation, before applying to the Grand Master. This is to be deprecated and should be avoided.

Lodges are urged to be careful in the election of the Secretary. Some lodges are suffering from having a Secretary residing at some distance from the lodge. This delays mail often and makes it difficult for frequent contact with the Master and lodge work.

It has been noted that Cash Books are in use which are unsatisfactory. The proper form for Secretary and Treasurer has been authorized by Grand Lodge and are supplied through the office of the Grand Secretary.

A tendency to have non-members of the Craft present at the refreshment hour has been noticed. There may be excuse for this on occasion, but as a custom it is not good practice.

I have approved of the granting by lodges to their own members of a fifty-year jewel. North Star Lodge No. 4 designed a very fine jewel for such presentation, and honored one of their members. The project seems worthy of emulation.

The recommendation of M. W. Bro. Macaulay, and as concurred in by Grand Lodge, that this jurisdiction mark the long attachment of brethren to the Craft by suitable medals or jewels, has been followed, and a committee consisting of M. W. Bros. Blackstock, Martland and Macaulay was appointed to formulate regulations governing the qualifications for conferring of this jewel, and a design for the same. The committee will report at this communication.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For special services rendered to this Grand Jurisdiction distinguished brethren without this jurisdiction have, on occasion, had

honorary rank equivalent to that which they held in their own Grand Lodge, conferred by the Grand Lodge of Alberta. I recommend that where such honorary rank is conferred for special services rendered, that a jewel be presented by this Grand Lodge to the brother receiving such honorary rank, and that a committee be empowered to arrange for a suitable jewel.

2. A financial adjustment to allow continuance of the activities and lodge visitations of the Grand Master in this jurisdiction.

3. The short time allowed for instruction and discussion at the annual luncheon of the Deputy Grand Master and incoming D.D.G.M.'s is not sufficient, and I recommend that D.D.G.M.'s-elect meet the Deputy Grand Master for round table conference, preferably preceding or during Grand Lodge communications.

APPRECIATION

The vast amount of work done between Grand Lodge communications can hardly be appreciated by the Craft. A great deal of this falls on the Finance Committee and the Board of Benevolence. To the Chairman and members of these committees our thanks are expressed. R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland faithfully discharges a very onerous task as President of the Board of Benevolence. We know that he receives much happiness from the good work he is doing. The office of the Grand Secretary had a great deal of extra work this year because of the Drouth Relief Campaign, but it was pleasantly assumed and very efficiently handled by the Grand Secretary and his staff. My personal thanks are due our Grand Secretary for his great kindness and for the free sharing of his great fund of Masonic knowledge and understanding of affairs in the jurisdiction. These qualities are invaluable to the Grand Master. His companionship during this year will be to me one of my precious memories as Grand Master.

To the many Grand Lodge officers who accompanied me on numerous visitations, particularly our untiring Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. George Moore, I tender many thanks. To each and every brother of this jurisdiction I express gratitude for the honor which you have conferred. It has been a happy year—full of work—but if by chance seed has fallen where it may bring forth good fruit, then shall I rejoice in accomplishment.

CONCLUSION

The times are decidedly out of joint. No longer dare we commit ourselves to the illusion that it does not matter what a man believes, or in whom he places his trust. All sensible people are concerned with creating a better civilization in political, economic and social fields. The modern world is agitated about the survival or non-survival of democracy, about freedom and peace, about the most satisfactory social system under which to live.

Freemasonry must set its house in order, not so much by planning new organizations, or by turning to the weary occupation of asking how we can beat up a new enthusiasm, but by asking ourselves in searching fashion what is the application of Masonic faith and philosophy in the present day. The purpose of Freemasonry is to carry humanity onward and upward. Masons believe that a civilization evolved according to the high and righteous principles of the Insti-

tution will best accomplish this. Masonry attempts this through its members, and not through its corporate capacity as an Institution. The philosophy of Masonry must stir the conscience, sensitize the spirit of the individual and clarify the goal. But it is the members in the daily life of the world who alone can effect the needed changes. It is the responsibility of the Institution to guide the individual into good, clean, sane, sound thinking according to knowledge and Masonic fundamentals. It is his duty to regulate his daily conduct by his convictions, and as far as these allow, to co-operate with his fellows in the pursuit of a common goal.

You have each been instructed to hold fast to your Masonic faith. This old teaching is so apt when both individuals and nations forget honor and adopt expedience. Never more than today has there been greater need for the flame of honor to burn bright within every man. Masonry has taught you her lessons and expects fulfillment in your lives.

*"We cannot rest until
We have put Courage once more on her throne;
For Honor clamors for her heritage,
And Right still claims a kingdom of her own."*

Fraternally submitted,

C. C. HARTMAN,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson (4), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), "That the Grand Master's Address, as presented, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:40 o'clock p.m.

First Day = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:40 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Master having called for nominations for the office of Grand Master, the Grand Secretary stated that one nomination only had been received, being for R. W. Bro. Archibald West, D.G.M. The Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. Archibald West unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Edmonton, June 8th, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Another year has passed on into time that has been, and so, we, of this Grand Lodge, stand in reverence and respect as a mark of tribute to brethren of this and all our sister jurisdictions who no more will move amongst us at our assemblies.

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead make this report:

Of this Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta, in the year last past of 1937, seventy-five lodges have lost brethren through death, and, in all, exactly the same number as in 1936, one hundred and forty-seven Freemasons have accomplished the days of their earthly pilgrimage, their labours ended and "So He giveth His beloved sleep." They have as their appointed day came passed along toward the Light the Son of Righteousness, who said, "I am the Light."

We who knew them are poorer—we have lost. Of those we met in our tiled places we may say that of all their activities outside their families, they were ever zealous for and busy about the affairs of Freemasonry.

Of those we knew, we recollect gladly their earnestness of purpose and singleness of aim; but as you have known many of them longer and more intimately than I, you could more easily tell me than I could tell you of them, whose honoured memory rests poignantly upon us at this hour.

Let us meditate a moment on that inevitable passage to the unseen, we term "death;" for it cometh to us all. We fear death, as children fear to go into the dark; and as that natural fear in children is increased with tales, so is the other. When I am called upon to imagine what the

pains of death are I remember that many times I have seen death with less pain than the torture of a limb I was called upon to mend, or of a birth that I needed to assist, for the most vital parts are not the quickest of sensibility.

A Roman philosopher wrote, "The array of the deathbed has more terrors than death itself," and I do so want you to remember, and I want too to make myself remember—for the days are swiftly flying to our last—that there is no passion in the mind of man so weak but it masters the fear of death and therefore death is no such terrible enemy. "Revenge triumphs over death, love slights death, honour aspieth to it, grief flieth to it, fear filleth it; even compassion driveth men to die; there were days when it was the mark of the truest followers to destroy themselves rather than outlive their lord." So wrote Francis Bacon, Lord Verulam, and he continued: "As we con the last acts and the last words of great men and lesser men in history, and in our own knowledge, we must notice how little alteration in good spirits the approach of death makes; for they appear to be the same men to the last instant. It is as natural to die as to be born; to the little infant, perhaps, the one is as painful as the other. He that dies in an earnest pursuit is like one that is wounded in hot blood, who, for the time scarce feels the hurt; and therefore a mind fixed and bent upon something that is good, great, noble—even the filling to the full of the earthly niche that it has pleased God to fit you into—averts the grief of death, which are lost time, lost opportunities, good undone, evil done. Death opens a gate—the gate to good fame, for it extinguishes envy."

Believe me, when a man has obtained worthy ends and expectations the sweetest canticle is:

"Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace; according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel."

When you and I, each in turn, come to be commemorated at this altar with the solemnity in which we stand together now, this day, only two things count: That the Most High dedicated His only Begotten as our Saviour, and—That death is not the end.

Of those who are gone from this Grand Jurisdiction, we would specifically mention these:

M. W. Bro. Archdeacon George H. Hogbin, senior P.G.M., having held the office in 1908, passed away in England on September 7th, 1937. During his residence in Alberta he took a very active part in Masonry and as Master of Bow River Lodge, Calgary, had a leading part in the formation of our Grand Lodge. On leaving Alberta he spent many years in British Honduras as Rector of the Church at Belize. Finally returning to England he was active in church work to the last as Vicar of his parish and travelling Secretary for the S.P.G.

M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson, was Grand Master in 1912. This well known and highly respected pioneer brother passed away on February 28th of this year in Winnipeg, where he was visiting. He came to Alberta in 1876 as a member of the N.W.M.P., and on the formation of Alberta Lodge at Macleod he became a charter member, ever since

remaining an active member of that lodge. His passing will be deeply regretted by the Masonic fraternity.

R. W. Bro. Thos. Rankine, member of Bow River Lodge No. 1, was Grand Registrar in 1918, and at the time of his death was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Doty, P. M. of Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat, was one of the best known Masons of that city and district, and was D.D.G.M. in 1921.

R. W. Bro. James I. Brewster, a well known pioneer of the Bowden district and charter member of Bowden Lodge No. 42, was D.D.G.M. in 1908.

V. W. Bro. Geo. M. Fear, P. M. of Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff, was another of the old time members of Masonry in Alberta, and a Past Grand Director of Ceremonies of this Grand Lodge. For many years he was one of the pillars of his lodge.

V. W. Bro. Geo. D. Wallace, P. M. of Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, was Grand Steward in 1925.

V. W. Bro. Frank Grandage, P. M. of Morning Star Lodge No. 79, at Loughheed, was Grand Steward in 1935, and was another of those upon whom the lodge could always depend for support.

V. W. Bro. Morrison J. Rogers, P. M. of Manyberries Lodge No. 133 and Past Grand Steward. In the death of this brother, the lodge has again suffered a serious loss to its membership.

V. W. Bro. A. K. Hobbins, P. M. of Jasper Park Lodge No. 143 and Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, served in the world war with distinction, and retired with the rank of Lieut.-Col.

W. Bro. Herbert George McCrea, P. M. of Hanna Lodge No. 78 and a dual member of Berry Creek Lodge No. 158, who in spite of being severely handicapped physically for many years, not only carried on his business as publisher of the local paper, but was active in Masonry and in community work.

Bro. Wm. Henderson, who was regarded as the oldest Mason in Alberta, a member of Quarry Lodge No. 70, Redcliff, died at the age of 98 years. This aged brother was made in Northern Light Lodge No. 93 G.R.C., in 1880 and took the keenest interest in Masonry to the last.

Bro. Joseph Kirby, a member of Lochearn Lodge No. 151, at Rocky Mountain House, was another brother who served Masonry for over fifty years. He was the father of R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Kirby, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 4.

Cornerstone Lodge No. 19 mourns the loss of a valuable member in W. Bro. John Miller, P.M., who was Secretary at the time of his death, while Calgary Lodge No. 23 suffered a severe loss in the death of their Senior Deacon, Bro. Wm. Richard Hoy, who had just completed a heavy task in collecting clothing for drouth relief, during which campaign he worked almost night and day.

And amongst those of other jurisdictions, I would like to make a reference to R. W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, who was P.A.G.D.C. of the United

Grand Lodge of England. He was W. M. of Canada Lodge when I was in England nine years ago. He was active in the Craft in Manitoba during his residence in Canada, and held honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

The National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia has again this year suffered a severe loss in the deaths of its principal officers, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master; while in Montana they lost two Past Grand Masters and their Deputy Grand Master. One of these P.G.M.'s, M. W. Bro. H. S. Hepner, was a talented speaker on Masonic subjects and was the Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge. Many of our own Grand Officers knew him personally.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN RAPER,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. John Raper (76), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard (11), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge be assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

The D.D.G.M.'s present gave a brief outline of the condition of Masonry in their respective districts, in addition to their official reports, which follow:

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, April 20th, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and I trust your approval, my report as D.D.G.M. on the condition of Masonry in District No.1, for my year of office.

Permit me, M. W. Sir, to express my appreciation for your acceptance of the recommendation of my brethren at the District Meeting held on October 24th, 1936, that I be your representative in this district for 1937-38. It has been my pleasure to have visited each lodge in this district before the close of the year and as your representative I have been received with every courtesy and every effort made to make my visits pleasant and I hope profitable to the brethren. In these visits I have learned much of the varied activities and work of our Institution. Here, M. W. Sir, let me bring to you the expressions of the lodges of their loyalty to our Grand Lodge and the great enthusiasm with which the Toast of this august body was at all times received.

While it is not my desire to place one lodge more prominently before you than another, yet I feel I will be pardoned for specifically referring to Cascade Lodge's annual guest night. First, let me say that Cascade No. 5 is located at Banff, in the heart of the Rockies. The date of this meeting was October 16th and was the occasion of my official visit, when I was honored by your presence as well as many past and present Grand Officers. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in an impressive manner and I am sure will be long remembered by the brother.

At this meeting 28 lodges were represented, five from British Columbia, two from Manitoba, one Scottish lodge and twenty-one Alberta lodges, and some of the brethren when they had reached home would have travelled by auto over 400 miles. There was no special program to draw the brethren, but there they were, may I say an illustration of the friendly and brotherly spirit existing between the brethren of this section of our province and the neighboring British Columbia brethren. Every one expressed themselves as being glad they were present, because it was, as Burns wrote in the minute book of St. James Lodge in 1784: "A lodge always means a company of worthy men and circumspect, gathered together in order to promote Charity, Friendship, Civility and Neighborhood.

"Within our dear mansions may wayward contention or withered
envy ne'er enter:
May secrecy round be the mystical bound and brotherly love
the centre."

And such the meeting seemed to be.

It has been a great pleasure to me to have had you visit so many of the lodges in this district and also to convey to you the great appreciation of the brethren for the splendid and inspiring addresses you delivered, from which I am sure much good will result.

Below you will find the dates on which I visited each lodge, also the dates on which I held meetings of the Masters and Wardens:

September	8th—Masters and Wardens meeting to plan for District Meeting.
"	13th—Strathmore Lodge No. 53, Strathmore.
"	16th—King Solomon Lodge No. 41, Cochrane.
"	21st—Perfection Lodge No. 9, Calgary.
"	27th—St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary.
October	1st—Calgary Lodge No. 23, Calgary.
"	5th—Gleichen Lodge No. 36, Gleichen.
"	7th—Zetland Lodge No. 83, Calgary.
"	12th—Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Crossfield.
"	16th—Cascade Lodge No. 5, Banff.
"	23rd—District Meeting, Calgary.
"	26th—Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 54, Calgary.
"	28th—Ashlar Lodge No. 28, Calgary.
November	6th—Concord Lodge No. 124, Calgary.
"	8th—Lodge Renfrew No. 134, Calgary.
"	9th—Crescent Lodge No. 87, Calgary.
"	12th—King George Lodge No. 59, Calgary.
"	17th—Bow River Lodge No. 1, Calgary.

In addition to the above we held a meeting of the Masters to plan for the relief program on September 18th, of the Masters and Wardens on September 20th, enlarging the scope in connection with relief, and on November 27th in connection with the report of a committee re assistance to the unemployed, while on December 11th a meeting of the Senior Wardens to receive instruction in the Secret Work from the Custodians of the Work.

City lodges attended Divine Service at the Pro Cathedral on Sunday, December 26th, to celebrate "The Feast of St. John the Evangelist."

MASONIC SPIRIT

As a result of reading past reports of this district and my observations during my visits among the lodges, I am constrained to say that, in my opinion, there has been a decided improvement in the spirit of Masonry during the past year, and I have the feeling that it will continue. The lack of harmony referred to in my predecessor's report I am happy to say is considerably reduced and I am sure that as a result of the efforts of the officers of 1937 and of those for 1938 it will not be long before it has disappeared.

There were two lodges which did not have a candidate this year but the degrees were exemplified with care and attention to all details. The other lodges which had candidates all conferred the degrees in an able and capable manner, that without doubt left a permanent impression for good on the initiates and exemplified the beauty and solemnity of our degrees.

In connection with the question of employment for our brethren discussed at the round table conference of the Masters and Wardens,

the committee appointed by me at the District Meeting met and appointed a sub-committee to consider the various points discussed and to draw up a plan which was later submitted to the full committee, endorsed and recommended to the various lodges by the Masters and Wardens. I am happy to add that each lodge has appointed one of its members, who have met and formed a committee to work together in this commendable effort to assist their brethren to find work, and I am sure that if carried on as at present, much good will result.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

At the beginning of the year the membership of this district was 2,421. At the close, the total was 2,307, made up of 1,758 resident and 549 non-resident members—a decrease of 114. There has been a loss by death of 37, by dimit 55, and by Suspension N.P.D. 73. It would be interesting to learn how many of these dimits were granted to brethren who had left the district and how many to those who were dropping out entirely. Under the old Constitution I am sure that the total number suspended for N.P.D. would not have reached the total shown, because of the desire of Masters to carry brethren as long as possible. Of the 104 suspended N.P.D. in 1936, about 8 per cent were reinstated during 1937, and I have no doubt a better percentage will be shown during the next year. Twenty-seven new members were admitted and twenty-five joined by affiliation and restoration.

171 Regular and 85 Emergent Meetings were held, with an average attendance of 35 per cent. 514 members were in arrears to the amount of \$5,883.60, but a large amount of this has been paid since the first of the year. You will note that the number and amounts in arrears is less than that of the preceding year.

BENEVOLENCE

In response to your appeal for assistance for those in our dried-out areas, the Calgary and Gleichen lodges contributed 278 cartons and lodges at High River and Jasper contributed 86 cartons of clothing, which was distributed by the Calgary Red Cross Depot to four points, where it appeared from information received by the Grand Secretary it was most needed, namely, Bow Island, Redcliff, Cereal and Hanna. These goods, augmented with children's overshoes and underwear, purchased with money received from lodges throughout the jurisdiction, totaled 4,626 pieces, all of which were shipped prior to Christmas for distribution. Our thanks and appreciation are due to Brother D. H. Tomlinson, Commissioner of the Red Cross, for his assistance in the distribution. Seven of the Calgary lodges also contributed \$384.00 in cash for the Grand Master's Drought Relief work, the balance on hand after the purchase of overshoes to be used in taking care of specially needy cases that may arise later.

Crossfield Lodge No. 48 with the co-operation of the citizens of that town shipped a carload of vegetables on October 13th, the day following my official visit.

It will no doubt be of interest to the brethren to know that eight of the lodges in this district are assisting thirty of their members and that the Grand Lodge Relief Fund is contributing to their assistance on behalf of seventeen of them. Thus between the lodges and Grand Lodge over \$7,800.00 is being spent each year. This sum would, I am

sure, be greatly increased were the amounts disbursed by the Masters from their special funds reported.

I must not overlook the work of the Masonic Board of Relief, composed of representatives of the City of Calgary lodges, who look after unfortunate transient members of our institution, members of lodges in other parts of the world.

There is also the committee, composed of members from each lodge in the city, who look after the sick, who are members of lodges outside the city, either in their homes, the hospitals or the sanitarium. I can truthfully testify to the fact that this committee never miss an opportunity to do good and carry sunshine into the hearts of the suffering.

Yet, alas, too often we hear the question: "What are Masons doing?"

FINANCIAL

The total liabilities of the lodges of this district is \$35,570.93. Of this amount about \$19,000.00 represents mortgages on suburban lodges, while a little over \$12,000.00 is shown by lodges as owing to members who had deposited with the lodges monies to assist them in meeting their subscriptions to the Masonic Temple in Calgary, the balance being for running expenses and prepayments of dues for 1938. Two lodges show in their balance sheet *No Liabilities*.

Eight of the Calgary lodges are co-owners of the Calgary Masonic Temple and the other lodges in the district each own their building.

The total assets over liabilities for the district is \$137,598.78. The indebtedness of the suburban lodges is receiving the close attention of the officers and members and I am sure that the burden will be eased as rapidly as possible.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on October 23rd, 1937, and I am happy to say that every one of our sixteen lodges was represented by the Master and Senior and Junior Wardens. In the Grand Master's address to Grand Lodge last year he made certain indictments and recommendations, and on your suggestion, M. W. Sir, that the meetings might be better fitted to the needs and desires of each district, the Master of each lodge in this district was requested to give his suggestions and recommendations as to what, if any, changes should be made in the conduct of the District Meeting. It appeared from their replies that they were in favor of a round table conference in the afternoon of the Masters and Wardens, a supper to precede the District Meeting in the evening. I therefore called a meeting of the Masters and Wardens on September 8th, when arrangements were made accordingly.

At the round table conference on the day of the District Meeting, each lodge through its representative presented a report of its position, from which the D.D.G.M. compiled his report to the District Meeting in the evening. Many questions were asked and answers given as to the conduct of lodges, etc. Special mention may be made of two items that were given much attention: **Life Membership**, and how best to assist **Brethren out of Employment**. With regard to the first, the opinion of all present was that life membership should only be granted on pay-

ment of sufficient money to earn the lodge 5 per cent. In reference to the second item, it was agreed that the D.D.G.M. should appoint a committee to enquire into the matter and report back to him, when he would arrange further discussion. Names of the brethren appointed to this committee were announced at the evening meeting. At the close of the round table conference, the brethren expressed themselves as being pleased with the change, that the conference had been a great help to them and they hoped similar meetings would be held.

At the District Meeting in the evening a report of the condition of Masonry was given by myself, also a short talk on Work of the Trestle Board. W. Bro. R. G. Thompson of Calgary Lodge No. 23, being the only nominee, was declared elected D.D.G.M. for 1938-39, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

Your address, M. W. Sir, was listened to with rapt attention and in the words of another, was a masterpiece. I am pleased to say that copies of it have been forwarded to the lodges in this district for their further consideration and discussion, as there is much in it that will stimulate thought and interest in our noble science.

120 members attended the supper and 180 registered for the evening meeting.

Our thanks are due to the officers of King George Lodge for the very efficient manner in which they proved the lodge, received the D.D.G.M. and the M. W. the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, to the committees on Credentials and Registration, to Bro. W. Pilledge for acting as Organist and to Bro. L. Ashton, for his contribution of the stenographic report of the round table conference, a copy of which was later given to each Master, Warden and Secretary for presentation to their lodge.

VISITATION AMONG LODGES

It is with much pleasure that I can record the splendid feeling of goodwill and friendship among the brethren of this and adjoining districts, as evidenced by the number of fraternal visits since last September. We have been honored by visits of the D.D.G.M.'s of Districts No. 4 and 6. Another opportunity for fellowship among the members of Calgary lodges is the Bowling League.

GENERAL

With a desire to assist, I invited the Senior Wardens to meet with the Custodians of the Work for an afternoon's conference on December 11th, the object being a close study of the Work, particularly the secret Work, the better to enable them to rule and direct their lodges in the coming year, provided they were elected to the Master's chair. Certain parts of the Work were explained by M. W. Bros. Connacher and Kemmis. May I quote here the advice given by these two Grand Officers, which applies not only to the incoming officers but to all past officers, "**Remember to stay with the Ritual. Do not try to improve it by using your own phrases.**" A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Custodians, after the brethren had expressed themselves as being grateful for the experience of discussing the Work in this informal way.

In a number of cases I have found that the Historical Register was not written up to date, in fact was a number of years behind. The

attention of the Masters was promptly called to the same and I am happy to report that they are now all up to date. Some of them, however, are but a duplication of the minutes, which is not what is desired and we have explained to them some of the requirements. This is a result of Masters appointing younger members to do this important work, instead of a Past Master who would naturally be more fitted. This record, also, is not receiving the prominence it should and I would recommend that it be read at the end of each year so that every member could hear what had been accomplished and the particular events in the lives of its members and of the community.

I favorably noted the practice of one Master presenting to the newly initiated brother the Bible on which he had been obligated. What a reminder of his obligation will come to that brother every time he reads the Sacred Word.

I commend to all lodges the practice of having an annual night, at which it is expected every member within hail will endeavor to be present, while those absent should write a letter to be read at the meeting, thus keeping in touch with the membership.

I have noticed, and heard comments on, the number of lodges having non-Masons present at their refreshment hour to help with the program, and on one occasion you, M. W. Sir, had to wait until they had left the room before you could proceed with your address. Whether it is the lodge room or the banquet hall, it is still a meeting of Masons and should be so observed, and in this connection I have noted a number of Grand Bodies have ruled against the profane being present at banquets.

There is a great desire on the part of all Masters to have candidates receive the next degree as near as possible to the 28 days succeeding their last degree. Much better results would ensue, I am sure, if more time were given to the candidate for thought and study of what he had received, beyond merely memorizing the questions and answers thereto.

Before a Master can be installed he must prove to the satisfaction of a Board that he can confer the degrees of Masonry and is familiar with the duties of a Master. There is little time for this examination and I would suggest that if classes were formed for the instruction of the brethren covering the Ancient Charges and Landmarks, the rulings of Grand Lodge and the laws of debate and government, not only would Masters elect be well qualified, but each lodge would have a large number of members well grounded in these matters, which would provide a real course of education for all.

Prior to the election of officers I sent to each Senior Warden a list of twenty-five questions, the answers to which would be of great value to him as a Master, and I received from them their thanks for the timely suggestion. I may add that after this questionnaire was prepared I received a copy of a report on this subject which had been presented at the District Meeting held at Olds, and I took from it several of the questions. Following are the questions:

Some Things a Master Should Know

Are you familiar with your by-laws?

Are you familiar with the Constitution and rulings of Grand Masters as recorded in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge?

Are you familiar with the rules of order for the conduct of meetings? How often should they be read in lodge?

What portion of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge should be read in lodge?

Can the Master of a lodge suspend a brother for cause without trial?

Can a Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of an accused brother?

Can a Master hold up an application for membership for any stated period?

Can the Master hold back a Grand Lodge certificate until a newly raised brother has passed a satisfactory examination in the third degree?

What particular by-law must be read in open lodge and when?

In case of a rejected ballot, would you permit explanation, comment or discussion?

At election of officers is it permissible to receive written nominations, as is the custom in Grand Lodge?

What action requires notice of motion?

Would the acceptance of a promissory note entitle the member to an up-to-date receipt?

Who rules the lodge during your absence?

How many are necessary to transact business in a lodge?

Can the degrees be conferred with less than a quorum?

Can the degrees be conferred by a lodge other than that in which candidate was accepted?

Who is responsible to Grand Lodge for the condition of the books of a lodge?

In what instance may a brother disclose how he balloted?

In writing a document by Master or Secretary, what is necessary to make it official?

How would you proceed to amend your By-laws?

In receiving candidates: When can you proceed with initiation?

Can a ballot be held over until a later meeting, if report is favorable? If the committee reports unfavorable . . . what?

What are some of the requirements to keep members interested in their lodge? A knowledge of what the lodge is doing, how it is conducted, the reasons for our methods, how we stand in relation to Grand Lodge and what are its activities. One evening at the refreshment hour I related some of the work of the Grand Lodge Officers and of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund, and was later told by one of the members that that was the first time he had heard much about the work of our Grand Body. I am convinced that the more the members know about the workings of Masonry, the greater will be the interest and a larger attendance will result.

I would recommend that the letter in the front of the book issued by Grand Lodge entitled "Lodge Plan of Masonic Education," be attached to all application forms sent to lodge secretaries. In this way all applicants will then read it, whether the lodge uses the book or not, and in my opinion such a practice will prove of much value to applicants.

In closing, I desire to thank the brethren for selecting me as your representative for this district. I have tried my best to serve, thinking

only of our institution and the great responsibility on my shoulders for its forward march.

To the brethren who accompanied me on my official visits I tender my grateful thanks. I also wish to express my sincere thanks for the great assistance given me by other Grand Officers and brethren throughout the district.

And now words fail me in my effort to pay tribute to one who has been my mainstay throughout the year, W. Bro. Harry J. Bonn. As Secretary of District No. 1 he has been indefatigable in his efforts to render service to the district. At all times earnest and thorough, his complete knowledge of the work and business of a Masonic lodge, has made my duties very easy. I shall always remember with pleasure the happy experiences we had together as we labored in District No. 1.

Fraternally submitted,

L. STEWART IRVINE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Medicine Hat, May 18th, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor, M. W. Sir, to submit for your perusal and consideration my report on conditions as I found them in District No. 2 for the year 1937-38.

At the outset I would first like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity granted me for Masonic service by the various lodges in the district, in selecting me as their Grand Lodge representative, and secondly to state that my work throughout my term of office has been most pleasant and I earnestly hope that it has been as beneficial to the lodges in the district as it has been to me.

District No. 2, as you know, covers a large area and visits to the outlying lodges have to be arranged when weather permits. I managed to visit all the lodges in the district with the exception of Bassano Lodge No. 55. This omission was due to the fact that prior to my arranged for visit the lodge building was destroyed by fire and with no suitable building in which to meet this meeting was cancelled. I am glad, however, to report that the loss sustained was covered by insurance, but I am sure all the lodges in the district will regret to hear of this fire and hope that ere long Bassano Lodge will be re-established in its Masonic home again.

OFFICIAL VISITS

QUARRY LODGE No. 70, Redcliff

The first invitation extended to me was from Quarry Lodge No. 70 at Redcliff to attend and participate in the celebration of the twenty-

fifth anniversary of the commencement of their lodge, which was held on September 13th and fittingly celebrated with a banquet and programme of entertainment and speeches. I visited Quarry officially in November and was favorably impressed with the proficiency of the officers, both in the conduct of the lodge business and the exemplification of the Work.

MANYBERRIES LODGE No. 133

I had the pleasure of an unofficial visit to this lodge in August, in company with a number of Medicine Hat brethren. I arranged my official visit for their September meeting, at which the first degree was exemplified and I have nothing but the highest praise for their work. The membership is mostly made up of brethren who live great distances away, but their attendance and interest is wonderful and they are to be highly commended for the prevailing Masonic spirit.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE No. 57

This lodge is a real example of pluck and devotion, as their members have been hard hit during recent years due to the drought, but they have carried on, and nobly so. They had to change their lodge home, but are happily located in their new quarters. I officially visited them on October 14th and was most cordially received, the first degree being exemplified in a very capable manner.

BROOKS LODGE No. 73

One of the truly bright spots in District No. 2, they fittingly celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary on December 10th. I visited them officially on January 18th, at which time I had the honor and privilege of acting as their installing officer for the installation and investiture of their 1938 officers. The conduct of the business of the lodge is of a high standard and their records, including the Historical Register, would be a credit to any lodge.

MEDICINE HAT LODGE No. 2

I officially visited this lodge on March 8th, which date was one long to be remembered by the members, as they were honored with a visit at this meeting by R. W. Bro. McPherson, who was the first Worshipful Master of the lodge in the year of its institution, 1886. Other notable guests were M. W. Bros. Downey, Jackson and Blackstock. The second degree was conferred on four candidates and as usual the work was most proficiently done. No. 2, I would say, is one of the best managed lodges in Alberta and their records, including the Historical Register, are a privilege to examine.

MIZPAH LODGE No. 35, Medicine Hat

It was my pleasure to visit Mizpah No. 35, my mother lodge, on April 19th, and was most cordially received. The second degree was conferred on two candidates and I must say the work was put on in a very creditable manner. This lodge shows good promise, the officers are most proficient and the records and Historical Register are excellently kept.

BOW ISLAND LODGE No. 64

I was privileged to pay my official visit to this lodge on May 17th and received a most hearty welcome. The first degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner. I was honored on this occasion in being asked to present a Past Master's jewel to W. Bro. Proudfoot, who served the lodge well in 1937. This lodge is one with the true Masonic spirit. They have not been favored with their share of prosperity but the members are zealous Masons and will be sure to forge ahead when conditions improve. The officers are well skilled and their records kept in a very commendable manner.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in Medicine Hat on Wednesday, October 27th, with a good representative attendance of the various lodges in the district at both the afternoon meeting and the banquet in the evening. We were honored, M. W. Sir, to have you and your Grand Officers as our guests and I believe the 1937 District Meeting proved beneficial to all present. Quarry Lodge No. 70 kindly opened the meeting and the regular business routine was conducted with despatch. V. W. Bro. Hargrave of Quarry Lodge No. 70 was elected D.D.G.M. for the next year and Mizpah Lodge No. 35 closed the afternoon meeting. The Banquet table for the evening session was graced with many notables. The programme was most educational and entertaining and your address, M. W. Sir, was very inspiring.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, on behalf of District No. 2, I want to express our sincere appreciation of your efforts towards the assistance of people in need in our district, and the contribution of food and clothing to so many worthy and deserving souls has been a work for which words cannot express our gratitude.

I have been proud to serve District No. 2 as D.D.G.M. under your leadership, and I sincerely hope that my efforts have your approval as well as that of the lodges of the district.

Fraternally submitted,

J. A. BELL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 10, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 3 as I have found it during my term of office as D.D.G.M.

In your name, M. W. Sir, I have been received with honor and treated with courtesy and respect, and I can assure you that you and your officers are held in high regard. It was an especial pleasure to put

before all the lodges of District No. 3 your suggestions for the work of collecting vegetables, clothing and funds for the relief of unfortunate people in other districts. All lodges in this district entered into the project in earnest and organized their members for work, which was carried through to completion with much credit to themselves and honor to the Craft. It has been said that the undertaking of this great work has in some places given Masonry a standing that has not been enjoyed before:

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Districts No. 3 and 12 held a joint meeting at Edmonton on October 9th, 1937, R. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman and myself presiding jointly. The attendance from both districts was made up mostly of acting officers and younger members. The meeting afforded an opportunity to demonstrate several parts of the Work, by officers of both country and city lodges, after which questions were asked and explanations given by the Custodians. After dinner V. W. Bro. James Malloch of Meridian Lodge No. 129 had the distinction of being elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 by acclamation. M. W. Bro. Hartman, Grand Master, gave a most inspiring, instructive and educational address, which carried our thoughts to a very high plane.

To W. Bro. Fred Whitfield, Secretary for both districts should be given much credit for making this meeting the great success that it was.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Edson No. 68-----	September 17th, 1937
Star of the West No. 34-----	October 5th, 1937
Jasper Park No. 143-----	October 14th, 1937
Wetaskiwin, No. 15-----	October 21st, 1937
Meridian No. 129-----	November 10th, 1937
Unity No. 51-----	November 16th, 1937
Edmonton No. 7-----	November 22nd, 1937
Unity No. 51-----	April 19th, 1938
Commercial No. 81-----	May 6th, 1938

I have also had the pleasure of visiting several of the lodges unofficially on special nights, assisting in the installation of officers and taking parts of the Work.

MEMBERSHIP

Due to the new regulations there has been a considerable number of brethren dropped from the rolls, which, together with the fact of perhaps the smallest number of initiations on record, we finish the year with a decrease in membership of forty-eight. While 1937 was a year of very few applications, 1938 now seems to be one of renewed interest, as in several lodges which had no applications last year anywhere from two to eight applications have been received since the new year.

EDUCATION

During a year when the officers had little degree work, they have made good use of their time by introducing papers on Masonic subjects and the Committee on Masonic Research and Education have given splendid assistance in supplying material.

The Bulletin, I find, is read in most lodges, either by one brother or it may be divided and different parts given by special. This Bulletin

has become a very important part of our Masonic work and everywhere I have gone the members have shown their appreciation.

FINANCES

The general financial position of the district is satisfactory. Some lodges show a reduction in assets, but that is accounted for by having written off a considerable amount of outstanding dues and this has had the effect of placing them on more solid ground.

GENERAL

Having witnessed Work in all lodges of the district I have no hesitation in stating that the officers are well skilled notwithstanding the few candidates. In all lodges the books are well kept and I would like to here express my appreciation of the lodge secretaries. To them much credit is due for the splendid condition of Masonry in this Masonic District.

APPRECIATION

I am deeply conscious of the honor I have received at the hands of my brethren. To a great number of these I wish to express my thanks for their assistance as they have at all times made my work a labor of love.

Fraternally submitted,

RUSSEL J. BRADLEY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Didsbury, May 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as D.D.G.M. of the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1937-38.

I am glad to report that this has been a very active year in the district. Every lodge has shown a deeper interest in Masonry and the total membership has considerably increased, with more degree work, more affiliations, more restorations, fewer dimits, fewer suspensions, less outstanding dues and even fewer deaths than in 1936. Every department has shown an increased interest.

I visited all the lodges in the district once, several twice, and for purposes of record I wish to submit the dates of my visitations.

September 21st, 1937—Lochearn Lodge No. 151, Rocky Mountain House.

October 5th, 1937—Kitchener Lodge No. 95, Rimbey.

October 6th, 1937—Eureka Lodge No. 10, Lacombe.

October 7th, 1937—Britannia Lodge No. 18, Ponoka.
October 12th, 1937—Red Deer Lodge No. 12, Red Deer.
October 21st, 1937—Innisfail Lodge No. 8, Innisfail.
November 1st, 1937—Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds.
November 9th, 1937—Kenilworth Lodge No. 29, Red Deer.
December 9th, 1937—Carstairs Lodge No. 20, Carstairs.
January 11th, 1938—King Hiram Lodge No. 21, Didsbury.

I visited Rocky Mountain House again on March 24th, 1938, that picturesque town with its wide streets and beautiful scenery, to inspect a proposed new Masonic home. The old building is unfit for lodge purposes and I passed on the new site and building as being appropriate.

A joint Installation of the Officers of Crossfield, Carstairs and King Hiram lodges was held at Carstairs on December 27th, the ceremony being under the able and masterly direction of V. W. Bro. D. Patterson of Zetland Lodge, Calgary, assisted by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis of Calgary. On December 28th a similar ceremony was conducted at Bowden, when the officers of Mountain View, Bowden and Innisfail lodges were installed and invested in an excellent manner by R. W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson, ably assisted by V. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith of Red Deer. It was very gratifying that you were able to attend both these meetings and receive the homage due you from the brethren. I am sure that all enjoyed and profited greatly by your timely addresses.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the O.S.A. at Olds on October 13th. All the lodges were represented except Kitchener and Lochearn. The meeting was opened by the officers of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 and the Grand Officers received with the usual honors. The meeting was honored by a large number of Grand Officers, including the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary; R. W. Bro. George Moore, S. G. W.; R. W. Bro. John Raper, Grand Chaplain; M. W. Bros. Connacher and Botterill and other past Grand Officers.

My programme provided that every lodge in the district would take some special part in the meeting, and a study of the paper presented by King Hiram Lodge entitled "Examining Board for Incoming Masters by Three Past Masters," which was later sent out to all lodges with the Grand Lodge Bulletin, is recommended.

W. Bro. A. S. Gough of Carstairs Lodge No. 20 was elected D.D. G.M. for the ensuing year and Red Deer was selected as the place of meeting. After the business meeting asplendid banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, Olds, with an enjoyable programme of music and speeches. The address delivered by Bro. Rev. Dr. Paton of Calgary, was excellent while your impressive address, M. W. Sir, was enthusiastically received. When the evening was over all felt that it was good for us to be there.

I attended three outstanding events during my year, which were meetings held especially to honor you, M.W. Sir, as a tribute to your zeal and faithfulness to the Order. The first was held at Olds in the O.S.A. on June 21st, 1937, by your own lodge, Mountain View No. 16, which was attended by several Grand Officers. On March 17th, 1938, a social evening was held at Red Deer, when the brethren of that part of the district were given an opportunity to meet you and

hear your address. District No. 1 conceived the idea of getting together and storming you in your own citadel. They turned out 130 strong, every lodge being represented and journeyed to Olds on April 9th, 1938. Many other lodges were represented. Under the able leadership of R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine a splendid programme was staged in your honor. It must have touched your heart deeply to receive this expression of loyalty.

CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE

It was gratifying to note the ready response which was made to your appeal for assistance to those less fortunate in the dried out areas. At nearly every meeting that I attended the benevolent committee reported carloads of foodstuff and clothing being sent. Much credit is also due to other organizations for their cheerful help in collecting and shipping vegetables. The appeal made by M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill for clothing for children in Saskatchewan also met with a very ready response.

In my visitations I strongly stressed the need for that greatest of all virtues—Charity. Charity, not only with our worldly goods, but most of all charity of thought toward our brethren, whether suspended for N.P.D. or still allowed to retain the benefits of the Order. "Masonry means charity, that virtue which commends what is good in a man and covers his faults with its mantle. Masons are urged to cultivate charity and in so doing to give a larger meaning to the idea that all men are brethren."

RECOMMENDATIONS

I wish to make the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That before a member is suspended for N.P.D. as much thought and investigation be given to his case as was given when he was first admitted to the Order. After all, when a candidate has taken his three obligations at the altar, he cannot be divorced from the Masonic ideals by man made laws.

2. That no Mason who has absented himself, unless unavoidably, from lodge for six consecutive months or more previous to voting on an applicant, be allowed to ballot.

3. That Grand Lodge Officers and the three senior officers in the the lodges be elected for a term of two years.

4. That, wherever practicable, joint Installations be held in the weaker lodges. New life will thus be given to the dying embers and often a Masonic flame is thereby started.

I wish to express my grateful thanks to R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 for his valuable assistance as District Secretary. His wide knowledge of the condition of Masonry in the district and his readiness at all times to help, made it a real pleasure to work with him. Our sincere sympathy goes out to him in the loss of his dear wife, who departed this life in the Innisfail Hospital, November 14th, 1937.

I would be lacking in courtesy if I failed to express my thanks to you, M. W. Sir, for the great privilege I have had of working with

you during the past year and for the hearty co-operation extended to me at all times.

I also wish to thank the brethren of District No. 4 for the honor which they have conferred on me by electing me D.D.G.M., and to express my appreciation for their hospitality and loyalty. Especially do I wish to thank the brethren of Didsbury who assisted me with their support and accompanied me on my visits throughout the district.

Fraternally submitted,

J. LESTER CLARK,

D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Forestburg, May 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor and pleasure to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. for the Fifth Masonic District for the year 1937-38.

In considering this report it should be borne in mind that the year 1937 has proven the most disastrous of all the depression years, the district from Bawlf, east to Provost, in which ten of our twelve lodges are located, being particularly hard hit by drought. As agriculture directly or indirectly provides the sole means of livelihood for the entire population of the district, every person within it has been affected in varying degrees, and it is with a feeling of pride and confidence that I can record that these adverse conditions do not appear to have had any detrimental effects on the fine Masonic spirit prevailing in each and every lodge. In fact, the adversities and disappointments seem to have brought us closer together and to have given us a greater appreciation of the friendly and sympathetic fellowship existing within the Masonic Brotherhood.

The membership of the district again shows a net loss of eleven. This is to be expected in view of the economic conditions, many brethren having left the district during the depression years. Sixteen dimits have been granted as against four affiliations and seven restorations. Ten have been suspended for N.P.D. and six have passed on to the Grand Lodge above. The new members have been added through initiation. This is the greatest number of initiations recorded during any of the past five years. In all, thirty-two degrees were conferred, compared with twelve in 1936, and twenty-four in 1935. Degree work has been on the increase, the applications mostly coming from salaried or business men, and I feel that with the return of more normal economic conditions many fine men will seek admission and an increase in membership may confidently be looked for.

Active benevolence is being practised throughout the district on a much larger scale than ever before and to a much greater extent than is shown in the statistical report, although the actual cash contributed exceeds by more than fifty percent the cash amounts contributed dur-

ing any of the last five years. In addition, clothing and vegetables have been gathered and shipped or distributed by lodges or individual brethren.

Financially the district is in a better condition than might be expected after so many difficult years. One or two lodges will have to budget very carefully during the next year, but on the whole the financial condition of the district is quite satisfactory. Assets as well as liabilities are down slightly from the figures of last year, but net worth stands at \$9,615.01, an increase of nearly \$600.00 over last year. Members in arrears show an increase of from one to 177, and the amount owing by each has increased from \$7.85 to \$9.18.

Masonic education has received considerable attention by most of the lodges in this district. No fixed program is being followed, papers being given by local brethren on various subjects of Masonic interest. This has proven of great benefit to lodges where it has become a customary part of the evening program. I believe this custom might be profitably adopted in all the lodges of the district.

The Grand Lodge Bulletin has become an important factor in the educational part of the various lodge programs, the whole paper or extracts from it being usually read in open lodge or during refreshments following the meeting. The Bulletin is becoming increasingly useful and valuable throughout this district and the Editor deserves the gratitude of the Craft for the splendid work he is doing.

The annual meeting of the Fifth Masonic District was held in the Crillion Hall, Forestburg, on Friday, September 24th, 1937. Inclement weather curtailed the attendance to some extent, but in spite of the poor condition of the roads about 20 percent of the membership of the district was present. On this occasion we were honored by the presence of our Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and several P.D.D.G.M.'s. The meeting was opened by the officers of Camrose Lodge No. 37 and the Grand Officers were received and welcomed in due form. The afternoon session was largely taken up with discussion of lodge problems. The officers of Excelsior Lodge No. 80 exemplified the Ballot in a very creditable manner. The reports of the Masters of the various lodges proved very interesting and enlightening, due mainly to the uniform system of giving the reports, all following the schedule supplied by Grand Lodge.

A motion of appreciation of the splendid work done by R. W. Bro. Jas. Hamilton as D.D.G.M. last year, was passed by the meeting. Several questions from the question box were answered by the M. W. the Grand Master. Supper was served in the Masonic Hall by the Ladies of the Eastern Star, and was followed by a short program of toasts and readings.

During the evening session W. Bro. J. H. Cochrane of Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden, was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1938-39 and Hughenden was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting. The address of the M. W. the Grand Master was much appreciated by the brethren. I may say that since copies of this address have been sent out to all the lodges, I have heard it read in several and favorably commented on. The address of the Grand Secretary, explaining the plans for gathering and distributing supplies for relief purposes was instructive and interesting.

I wish here to express my gratitude and appreciation to the officers and brethren of all the lodges who contributed to the success of the meeting, particularly Camrose Lodge No. 37 whose officers and members made up about one quarter of the entire gathering, and also Forestburg Lodge whose members assisted so splendidly in the arrangements for the meeting.

All my official visits were made after the District Meeting, as follows:

Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance.....	October 6th, 1937
Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick.....	October 18th, 1937
Provost Lodge No. 61, Provost.....	October 20th, 1937
Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland....	November 9th, 1937
Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed.	November 15th, 1937
Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Forestburg.	November 24th, 1937
Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Killam.....	December 1st, 1937
Coal Lodge No. 62, Bawlf.....	December 16th, 1937
Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden.	March 7th, 1938
Comet Lodge No. 50, Hardisty.....	March 10th, 1938
Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Strome.....	April 7th, 1938
Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose.....	April 14th, 1938

On all my visits I have met with the most cordial welcome as your representative. I have witnessed degree work in five of the twelve lodges and consider it to be of a very high standard. In my addresses I have endeavored to stress the importance of every brother realizing and living up to his responsibility to his lodge and his community to the best of his ability. I have tried to hold before my brethren the beauty of our Masonic teachings and their practical value in every day life.

When visiting Coal Lodge No. 62 at Bawlf I had the pleasure of presenting R. W. Bro. C. B. Sarjeant with a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia, a gift from his own lodge. On the same visit I also presented Master Mason certificates to four brethren raised in this lodge in 1937.

At Provost I inspected the lodge rooms recently purchased by Provost Lodge. I found them safe, suitable and very comfortable. The Provost brethren are to be congratulated on having acquired this fine new home.

It is with deep regret that I record the sudden death of V. W. Bro. Frank Grandage of Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed. With many other brethren from all parts of the district I attended the last rites for this brother, who passed away a few days after attending the District Meeting.

My official visits have been very pleasant and are to me memorable and cherished experiences, proving the wonderful spirit of harmony and goodwill existing between the brethren of District No. 5. In conclusion I want to express my appreciation to all of you for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to this office, for the cheerful co-operation and assistance so whole-heartedly given on all occasions and for the kindness and courtesy I have met with everywhere amongst you. My thanks also to W. Bro. Gerald Oberg, who assisted so ably as District Secretary.

May I also express the hope that the Masonic work in this district, which now holds such great promise, may meet with ever increasing success and blessing to our fellow men as well as to ourselves.

Fraternally submitted,

HANS FARVOLDEN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

High River, May 22, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present my report of District No. 6, in which I had the pleasure to serve as your Deputy for the year 1937-38.

All the lodges in this district were visited at least once during the year, and I wish to thank the officers and members of the several lodges for their friendly reception to myself as your representative.

The District Meeting was held at Cornerstone Lodge No. 19, High River, on October 20th, 1937, when we had the pleasure of meeting the following Grand Officers: M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, Grand Master; M. W. Bro. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. George Moore, S.G.W.; R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, G.T.; M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, G.S., and V. W. Bro. V. E. Hessel, J.G.D. There were thirty Past Masters of the district in attendance, which included twelve P.D.D. G.M.'s who had served in District No. 6, showing that the old members were still active in Masonic affairs. There was also a good representation of members from all lodges, as well as visitors.

Interesting addresses were given by the Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden and the members were very pleased with the friendly, social meeting with the Grand Officers at the intermissions. Several of the lodges took part in exemplifying different sections of the work in the degrees.

W. Bro. W. H. Read of Nanton Lodge No. 17 was elected by acclamation as D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 for the year 1938-39, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and the District Meeting for 1938 will be held at Nanton.

The general condition of Masonry in the district is good and the prospects seem to be improving. The lodges of the district have their finances in good shape, there being no old outstanding accounts unpaid.

The Bulletin is much appreciated and is favorably mentioned throughout the district.

The past year has been an interesting and pleasant one to me and I wish to thank the members of the district for the privilege of serving as D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley, our District Secretary, for his kindly assistance, the Grand Officers for their friendly

help and advice and the numbers of brethren who accompanied me on official visits.

Wishing you, M. W. Sir, pleasant memories of your year as Grand Master,

Fraternally submitted,

A. S. DICK,

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Taber, May 10, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the report of Masonic District No. 7 during my term of office.

First, I wish to thank you, M. W. Sir, and the members of District No. 7, most sincerely for the honor and privilege of being your representative in this district, and also wish to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation the brethren have extended to me at all times. It has been a real pleasure to work with you all in this noble and honorable work and I sincerely trust I have been able to contribute something of value to its progress.

It has been my pleasant experience to visit all ten lodges of the district and may I say I was most impressed with the splendid Masonic spirit prevailing not only among the individual brethren of the several lodges, but between lodges as well. In this connection I wish to commend the fine fraternal feeling which has developed between our brethren in the northern part of the State of Montana and the brethren of the lodges in this district. This is particularly noticed in Verdigris Lodge No. 100, located at Milk River, which is the closest lodge in Alberta to the State of Montana. It was a pleasure for the Brethren of District No. 7 to welcome some of the Montana brethren to our District Meeting.

I visited most of the lodges in the district officially twice, once in the fall of 1937 and again this spring, owing to the fact that some of the lodges in the district instal and invest their officers in December. It has been unfortunate that there has been so little degree work put on during the term. What I did see in several lodges was of such a high order and so many capable officers are filling the chairs at present, that I feel the work would have been exemplified in an exceptionally excellent and impressive manner.

Following are the dates of visits made in my official capacity:

North Star No. 4—November 8, 1937; May 9, 1938.

Doric No. 31—Dec. 14, 1937; May 10, 1938.

Lethbridge No. 39—Nov. 18, 1937; April 21, 1938.

Diamond City No. 65—Nov. 4, 1937.

Charity No. 67—Nov. 9, 1937; April 12, 1938.

Verdigris No. 100—Sept. 23, 1937; March 24, 1938.
Foremost No. 103—Oct. 6, 1937; April 6, 1938.
York No. 119—Nov. 2, 1937.
Sharon No. 157—Sept. 22, 1937.
Lucerne, No. 159—June 24, 1937; Nov. 2, 1937.

Without detailing each official visit, I would like to refer to certain meetings of particular significance held during the year.

On June 24th, 1937, assisted by W. Bro. E. R. Vickery and other members of Doric Lodge, I had the honor of installing and investing the officers of Lucerne Lodge.

On June 25th, 1937, V. W. Bro. R. F. Sang and several other P.D. D.G.M.'s of the district installed and invested the officers of Verdigris Lodge No. 100, when I had the honor of doing a small part and witnessed very fine work. The meeting was largely attended, there being several visiting brethren from Montana as well as from other lodges in Alberta.

The District Meeting for this district was held in Lethbridge on September 29th, at which every lodge in the district was represented with the exception of one, that absence being caused by bad roads which made attendance impossible. I can assure you, M. W. Sir, the brethren were pleased to be honored with the presence of yourself and the Grand Secretary, and we are greatly indebted to you for the very interesting and instructive Masonic message delivered on that occasion. V. W. Bro. L. T. Lingard of Lethbridge Lodge No. 39 was elected by acclamation as D.D.G.M. for 1938-39 and Lethbridge was chosen as the place of meeting.

On Sunday evening, October 17th, 1937, a meeting of the lodges of Lethbridge and district was held for the purpose of attending Divine Service at Southminster United Church, Lethbridge, when Bro. Rev. J. W. Bainbridge of Medicine Hat preached a most inspiring sermon, and there was a splendid representative number of brethren in attendance.

On December 27th, 1937, with M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M., as installing officer and P.D.D.G.M.'s occupying the chairs, I had the honor of assisting in the installation and investiture of the officers for the four lodges on the City of Lethbridge.

The brethren in this section of the province were favored with an invitation from North Star Lodge No. 4 to attend their 50th Anniversary on March 14th, 1938. It was a memorable occasion. There were some three hundred brethren in attendance, notable among them being the first Master of North Star Lodge, W. Bro. Thomas McPherson of Tacoma, Washington, and their first and second initiates, Bros. Ben Burrell and John Craig. And may I assure you, M. W. Sir, that W. Bro. Arthur Wade and his lodge and all the guests were exceedingly pleased to have you and several other Grand Officers present. The programme, a most complete and successful one, was very ably handled by V. W. Bro. J. S. Stewart and the entertainment committee, and the lodge is to be highly complimented on the success of the whole event.

On March 15th, 1938, Verdigris Lodge No. 100 was fortunate in having the brethren of Shelby Lodge in Montana, under the able leadership of Bro. Rev. A. E. Plummer, put on a Masonic play for them, which was enjoyed and appreciated.

On April 6th, 1938, Charity Lodge No. 67 marked in a fitting way the 25th Anniversary of that lodge. On this occasion they entertained with a banquet, the able Toastmaster being R. W. Bro. A. C. Lakie, P.D.D.G.M., who is the only charter member of the lodge. A most successful evening closed with cards and dancing.

Speaking generally, with regard to conditions in District No. 7, I am most pleased to be able to report to you, M. W. Sir, that a fine Masonic spirit prevails throughout the district, which will result in a real expansion of the application of Masonic principles. The past year has been a very happy and interesting one to me and I only hope that I have been able to maintain the traditions established by my predecessors and that my humble service met with approval.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of Masonic District No. 7 for the friendly spirit and the hearty co-operation accorded me during my term of office, and in this connection I would be remiss in my duty if I did not particularly mention the loyal support of W. Bro. E. J. Rossiter, District Secretary, and that of the brethren of Doric Lodge No. 31, all of whom I thank most heartily.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. STEWART,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Blairmore, May 13, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

Just when we are beginning to appreciate the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones; just when we are beginning to look forward to the various trips to the lodges and the good fellowship of the accompanying brothers with a degree of pleasure; just when we begin to realize the new interest that has been created through the reading of Masonic literature and the study of the problems that come to hand so frequently; just when we realize how little of the programme, that we so carefully planned, has been accomplished; just when the "good wife" is beginning to realize that she has again graduated in a new class of widowhood; and, finally, just when we realize how short one official year really is, then the Grand Secretary issues an edict and says, "Halt, and give an account of your stewardship."

M. W. Sir, I certainly appreciate the fact that I have been permitted to act as your Deputy in this district for one year and I wish to record my thanks to the brethren of District No. 8 for the honor conferred and particularly do I wish to thank the brethren who so willingly accompanied me on my various trips. I have had the company of so many brothers that space will not permit me to list them individually, but, for the support and advice that I have received from M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M., I particularly wish to record my thanks.

During the year I have officially visited all lodges in the district and have also made several unofficial visits to all lodges with the exception of Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58 at Cardston. I have been present at three Masonic funerals and one Golden Jubilee during my official year.

The loss of this district through the death of M. W. Bro. Robt. Patterson, of Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod, cannot be satisfactorily stated in a few words. M. W. Bro. Patterson was an outstanding Mason in District No. 8 and his support, counsel and advice were always available. It was my privilege to attend the last Masonic Rites for this beloved brother at Macleod, in company with yourself and other Grand Officers.

One of the interesting "high-lights" of my official year was the Golden Jubilee of North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge, to which I was invited with yourself and other Grand Lodge Officers. In company with M. W. Bro. Cruickshank and W. Bro. Ed. Donkin of Sentinel Lodge No. 26, the trip to Lethbridge and back was a most enjoyable one and the reception at Lethbridge will long be remembered. A pleasant evening was spent and the renewal of friendships with the brethren of District No. 7 and other adjoining districts was highly appreciated.

The Annual District Meeting was held this year on September 28th at Blairmore and a splendid attendance of members from all the lodges of the district was noted. Accommodation for this meeting was provided at the United Church where the Assembly Hall and the Banquet Room furnished all that was required for a successful meeting. We were pleased, M. W. Sir, that you were able to attend, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, and we also appreciated the attendance of M. W. Bros. G. E. Cruickshank and Canon S. H. Middleton, P.G.M.'s, together with several P.D.D.G.M.'s. A very interesting discussion on Statistics and Forms was led by V. W. Bro. M. W. Cooke, Secretary of Summit Lodge, and general benefit to all Secretaries will probably accrue from this discussion. The remarks of the Grand Secretary, pertaining to the changes in the Constitution were beneficial to all present, and we would be remiss if we did not record appreciation for the splendid address which you tendered, M. W. Sir. The committee of members of Rocky Mountain Lodge made my duties on this day appear very light. The Banquet provided by the Ladies' Aid of the Blairmore United Church was up to the usual Crows Nest Pass standard and the musical talent with which this district is well provided, supplied a well balanced programme. Good fellowship was the main feature of this District Meeting and every opportunity was given the members to become acquainted not only with the Grand Officers, but with the other members of the district.

ALBERTA LODGE No. 3

I visited this lodge on three occasions, one of which was for the sad purpose of accompanying the remains of M. W. Bro. Robt. Patterson, P.G.M., to his last resting place. The absence of this venerable Mason from his usual seat in Alberta Lodge will be very noticeable for some time to come; a chat with him was always inspiring and beneficial to young and old Masons.

I made my official visit to this lodge on April 20th and was very cordially received. Nineteen members and thirteen visitors were present and while no degree work was exemplified, an enjoyable evening was spent in the small but well furnished lodge room.

SPITZIE LODGE No. 6

On June 24th I attended this lodge for the Joint Installation of Spitzie and Chinook Lodges, when their officers were installed and invested by R. W. Bro. W. A. Ross, P.D.D.G.M., and I was personally invested as D.D.G.M. by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank.

I made my official visit on April 5th, when there were only fourteen members and seven visitors present, due to a snowstorm and bad roads. The third degree was conferred by the officers in a very inspiring manner. This lodge makes a practice of reading two years records from the Historical Register, and as this is a very old lodge the items are interesting.

SENTINEL LODGE No. 26

Less than 24 hours after my installation as D.D.G.M. I attended this lodge for the purpose of accompanying the remains of the late Bro. Brown to this last resting place in the Masonic plot at Hillcrest. I also visited this lodge unofficially several times during the year and made my official visit on May 12th. This was my last official visit for the year and the lodge decided to invite the members of the other lodges in the district. I was given an opportunity to make a last address during my official term and I appreciate the action of Sentinel Lodge in this regard. About 15 members and 45 visitors were present and I took the opportunity of addressing the meeting on the subject of "Masonry, Past, Present and Future." After the lodge was closed a very hearty meal was provided in the banquet room, with W. Bro. F. Padgett as "Chief Chef" and although a "Jiggs" dinner is not conducive to sleep, it was enjoyed by all present. M. W. Bro. Cruickshank officiated as Toastmaster and gave all present an opportunity to express their own opinions on the subject matter of the main address, and I believe I have left sufficient thoughts with the brethren to keep them thinking for some time to come. It was a splendid meeting and the attendance was very gratifying to me, some of the visitors having travelled a long distance to be present.

CHINOOK LODGE No. 47

On September 20th I made an unofficial visit to this lodge, accompanied by ten members of Rocky Mountain Lodge and two from Sentinel Lodge. The third degree was conferred on a candidate in a splendid manner by the officers.

I made my official visit on April 11th, eleven members and twenty visitors attending the meeting. Sitting on the dais in the East were one P.G.M. and five P.D.D.G.M.'s. In spite of poor crops for a number of years, this lodge owns its hall and this investment must have required courage. However, the load has pretty well been lifted now and the members are to be congratulated on the venture. R. W. Bros. Murphy and Swart are very active in this lodge and their inspiration and guidance are worthy of note.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 58

A visit to Cardston and an opportunity to inspect the unique lodge hall of Chief Mountain is well worth the long journey from the west end of the district. I visited this lodge officially on October 19th, accompanied by seven members of my own lodge, R. W. Bro. Murphy

of Chinook Lodge and R. W. Bro. Gunn of Spitzie. The register showed 13 members and 13 visitors, but we were not dismayed by the unlucky numbers. I was given a very cordial reception, being introduced by V. W. Bro. Dr. J. K. Mulloy. No degree was exemplified, but the business of the lodge is very capably handled. There is an international aspect in this lodge, visitors often attending from U.S.A. lodges. On the occasion of my visit I noted visitors from Babb, Banff and Ottawa. Needless to say M. W. Bro. Canon Middleton and R. W. Bro. Betts are very active members of Chief Mountain Lodge.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 86

This is my mother lodge and I made my official visit on May 9th, when 16 members and three visitors were present. I was very cordially received by W. Bro. Roland Pinkney, W.M., and witnessed the conferring of the second degree, which was very capably conducted. My thanks are due to the members of this lodge for the splendid manner in which they have assisted me during my term of office.

GENERAL

By making an unofficial visit to all the lodges in the district just prior to the District Meeting, I believe greater interest was created and a better attendance resulted. During these visits I had an opportunity of conveying the messages and instructions I had obtained from you, M. W. Sir, and in my humble opinion interest was aroused. While no great progress has been made in the district due to economic conditions, the true spirit of Masonry is being upheld and the future looks brighter. Applications are being received now by some of the lodges and I believe the days of "no degree work" will soon be past.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Embarrassing situations arise from lack of information relative to non-affiliated Masons and in my visits I have stressed the necessity for a record of such Masons to be kept on the local lodge files in case of necessity. Also I have requested the lodges in this district to keep in closer touch with the members who have left the local jurisdiction to reside elsewhere, and have suggested that Secretaries inform the lodge nearest to the brother's new residence, giving such lodge a complete record of the brother's Masonic standing and history.

CONCLUSION

Again allow me to thank you, M. W. Sir, for the opportunity of serving you during the past year and also to thank the brethren of this district for their valuable assistance and support. May I bespeak for my successor, V. W. Bro. H. O. Westrup of Sentinel Lodge No. 26, the same valuable co-operation, and I sincerely trust, M. W. Sir, that I have upheld the traditions of Masonry in District No. 8 in a manner acceptable to you.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. CHAPPELL,

D.D.G.M: District No. 8

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Ersikine, May 2, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I beg to submit herewith for your consideration my report for District No. 9 for the year just closing.

The District Meeting, held at Stettler, on the afternoon and evening of October 6th, 1937, was one of the most successful and enjoyable held in the district in recent years. The weather was ideal and tempted a large number of the brethren from practically all parts of the district, Monitor No. 120 being the only lodge not represented. The afternoon attendance was particularly gratifying and a well arranged programme was submitted. An agreeable interlude was the banquet, prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star and a pleasant hour was spent, during which the usual loyal and fraternal toasts were honored. On resuming labor a new departure was the exemplification of various phases of Masonic procedure, by representatives of the different lodges, as under-noted:

Rising Sun Lodge No. 122—Calling from Labor to Refreshment and from Refreshment to Labor.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140—Proper method of balloting.

Apollo Lodge No. 27—Proper steps to the Altar.

Donalda Lodge No. 150—Casual Signs, Tokens and Words.

Ionic Lodge No. 45—Proper Introduction of Grand Officers.

These brought forth some valuable criticism and this feature is one that might well be adopted at other District Meetings.

The election of W. Bro. W. C. Tallman of Ionic Lodge No. 45 as D.D.G.M. for the coming year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, then took place, the next District Meeting to be held at Alix. The meeting was fittingly closed by a most appropriate and powerful address by the M. W. the Grand Master, and I can assure you M. W. Sir, it was one that will long be remembered by all who heard it.

OFFICIAL VISITS

On September 15th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Hollings of Ionic Lodge No. 45 and W. Bro. Connolly, District Secretary I made my official visit to Monitor Lodge No. 120. Having arranged this visit early in the fall, we had ample evidence of the effects of the long drought, in the absence of all signs of a crop and with only an occasional head of cattle to be seen. The lodge here is worthy of all praise for the way they have carried on during the past seven or eight years. In spite of the hard times the few brethren have kept their lodge active and have never expressed any intention of giving up. They own their building free of all encumbrances and have a bank balance. Lodge was convened at 8:00 p.m. with nine members in attendance, who gave us a very cordial welcome. The Master and Secretary live at a distance and practically all of the members are located out of town. There was no work, but the members showed a keen interest in the doings of the Craft. They regretted that being situated so far distant they could not possibly attend the District Meeting. The business of the lodge was well con-

ducted, but having had no new members for a long time it is doubtful whether they could, without considerable practice, put on any degree work. They were considering closing down for the winter months on account of the roads being blocked. The fact that they attended regularly during the remaining months shows their interest in Masonry and their example might well be emulated by Masons more advantageously placed. I would like to thank these brethren for the courtesy shown me in calling an emergent meeting for my visit, making it possible for me to visit Coronation Lodge No. 72 the following evening on my way back.

CORONATION LODGE No. 72

As indicated above, Coronation Lodge No. 72 was visited on September 16th. The books were all in order and excellently kept by W. Bro. I. B. Lutz. There was a fair attendance for the time of the year, the officers were all in their stations and the routine work was well in hand. A friendly spirit prevails in this lodge, but the lack of degree work, however, seems to have had a somewhat dampening effect on the members. Should times improve there is no reason to doubt that Coronation Lodge will regain its high standard amongst the lodges of District No. 9.

BIG VALLEY LODGE No. 140

This lodge was visited on October 1st, 1937, and in spite of the bad roads there was a good turnout of the members. I was accompanied by a fine delegation from Apollo Lodge No. 27 and we had a very cordial reception. Books in charge of W. Bro. F. Dewar are well kept and their finances are in good shape. The Historical Register was not in the lodge room, as the original was destroyed by fire some time ago, but the Master informed me that a new one was in course of being written up by W. Bros. Spencer and Dewar. We had proof that the officers were well up in degree work, a fellowcraft member being examined on his second degree, who gave a most creditable examination. This was the third new member to be received this year and prospects are bright.

DONALDA LODGE No. 150

I visited this lodge on October 7th, 1937, when I was supported by a large number of brethren from Apollo Lodge and Ionic No. 45. There were only nine members of Donalda in attendance. The books were found to be accurately and neatly kept and the officers opened lodge and carried on the business with promptness and an understanding of their work. Owing to a falling off of membership, it has for some time been difficult to carry on and the prospects for betterment in membership being poor the brethren were faced with two alternatives, that of surrendering their charter or amalgamating. A notice of motion to choose the latter course was carried and on December 6th, 1937, thirteen brethren were welcomed to the membership of Apollo Lodge No. 27, where they have since made themselves very acceptable to the brethren of Apollo.

RISING SUN LODGE No. 122

I paid my official visit to the above lodge on October 13th. There was a fair attendance and only routine business was done. This lodge has been hard hit by the drought and have taken in no new members

for quite a number of years. They have had also a number of losses through suspensions and dimits and are carrying a heavy financial load. They are making every effort to meet their payments and I look for changes in the near future which will again make Rising Sun a prosperous lodge.

IONIC LODGE No. 45

The second oldest lodge in District No. 9, Ionic Lodge at Alix was visited on October 14th, 1937. There was a good attendance and the work of opening and closing the lodge and my reception as D.D.G.M. were well carried out. One noticeable feature on looking around the lodge is the number of young members most of them in office and all well up in the work. This lodge is in excellent standing, the books, with the exception of the Historical Register being in first class order. The fourth degree, always a feature in Ionic, was no exception on this occasion and it was hard to break away at midnight. Prospects are good for this year.

BEAVER LODGE No. 56

I had the pleasure of visiting this lodge on November 3rd. There was a large attendance and we counted no less than eleven Past Masters. This makes for a strong lodge, their long experience in lodge matters being a wonderful help to the present officers. One missed the pleasant personality of R. W. Bro. Lane, who passed on to the Grand Lodge above a year ago, leaving behind him an honored and loved memory. This lodge is in the happy position of being free of all encumbrances, owning their building, and the lodge room is beautifully furnished. In spite of the fact that Castor is well within the drought area, the Masonic outlook is very encouraging.

APOLLO LODGE No. 27

I paid my official visit to Apollo Lodge on Monday, April 4th, 1938, when it was most gratifying to find such a large gathering of the members of my home lodge, more especially as the weather was bad and the roads worse. The meeting was most harmonious throughout. The books are perfectly kept and it is indeed a pleasure to find that the Historical Register, which has been compiled by W. Bro. Connolly, is complete to date. In it we find recorded events of local and national importance, lodge doings and short biographies of Masonic brethren.

On May 2nd I was privileged to assist in a small way at the ceremony of destroying the last note due on the Temple, a building which is a credit to Apollo Lodge and the Masonic Craft at large. Apollo Lodge is to be congratulated on the successful completion of their efforts and also on the splendid fraternal atmosphere which exists among the brethren.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 9 for the honor conferred on me in electing me to be their representative in Grand Lodge for the past year. The unfailing courtesy and kindness extended to me during my term of office I shall always look back upon with pleasure. Especially I would like to thank my Secretary, W. Bro. N. W. Connolly, who has been untiring in his efforts to make my term pleasant and profitable to myself, and to my brethren of Apollo Lodge, who on every occasion, in goodly numbers, accompanied me on my official visitations.

During the course of my visits, I have tried to keep the following ideas before the different lodges:

To display the National Flag at every meeting.

To help in educational matters, especially to coach each officer from the time he assumes the lowest office in the lodge until he reaches the highest office in the gift of the brethren.

To keep the Historical Register up-to-date and if such is not in existence, to start one now.

I would also recommend that there should be a permanent Secretary for the district, for only by having such an officer can we hope to have a true and permanent record of the work being done in the district.

Fraternally submitted,

A. SCOTLAND,

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 10, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the Tenth Masonic District covering the year 1937-38.

First, I desire to thank the brethren of the district for the honor they conferred on me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the kindly way I was received in the course of my visits.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of District No. 10 was held at Acadia Lodge Hall, Edmonton, on September 22nd, 1937. The meeting was opened by W. Bro. A. M. MacDonald, and officers of Acadia Lodge No. 11. We were happy to have with us the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, accompanied by several other Grand Officers. The attendance was very good; practically every lodge in the district was represented and exemplified parts of the ritual during the afternoon session. Considerable discussion took place after each lodge had exemplified its part, which was helpful to all present. W. Bro. Dr. W. H. Scott of Vermilion Lodge No. 24 was unanimously elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

A banquet was held in Acadia Hall at 6:30 and the evening session opened at 8:15. When the brethren had assembled, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen of Acadia Lodge was introduced at the altar by M. W. Bro. John Martland, P.G.M., after which he was invited by M. W. Bro. Hartman to take a seat in the East. Bro. Bowen gave a very interesting and instructive address in which he noted how the teachings of Masonry were very beneficial, not only

to the individual member, but also to the nation. M. W. Bro. Hartman then gave a very impressive address, dealing with several phases of Masonry, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren. M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, explained how the relief of the drought area was being handled and emphasized the necessity of each brother doing his share of this work.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I visited all the lodges in the district, officially, once and also made several unofficial visits to a number of them. The dates of the official visits were as follows:

August 4th, 1937.....Waskatenau, No. 154, Waskatenau
 August 16th, 1937.....Kilwinning No. 110, Innisfree
 August 17th, 1937.....Kitscoty No. 131, Kitscoty.
 August 25th, 1937.....St. Alban's No. 145, St. Paul.
 September 20th, 1937....Hope No. 38, Mannville.
 October 4th, 1937.....St. John's No. 25, Vegreville.
 October 18th, 1937.....Lamont No. 94, Lamont.
 October 19th, 1937.....Victoria No. 13, Fort Saskatchewan
 November 2nd, 1937....Vermilion No. 24, Vermilion.
 November 15th, 1937....Empire No. 63, Edmonton.
 November 24th, 1937....Dominion No. 117, Edmonton.
 January 25th, 1938.....Norwood No. 90, Edmonton.
 February 24th, 1938....Acacia No. 11, Edmonton.

At each official visit I gave a short address on "Friendship", pointing out the advisability of visiting between the lodges. I also referred to the necessity for moderation and co-operation, now that so much uncertainty and hatred exists in the world, and I feel that my remarks in this connection have been helpful.

A word of praise should be given to the Secretaries. They have kept the records of the lodges in good shape. In most cases the Historical Registers are up-to-date, and in those cases where they were not, I strongly urged the advisability of this being done.

I arranged my official visit to Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion, to coincide with the opening of their new Masonic Hall. This lodge is to be congratulated on the erection of such a suitable building. The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. A. West, accompanied by several Grand Officers, assisted at the laying of the corner stone of this edifice. The lodge room should meet the requirements of the Masons of Vermilion and district for a long time to come and was erected very economically, as many of the brethren of the lodge gave freely of their time and energy in the building of the lodge room.

Masonry in this district is undoubtedly making progress. Many lodges are receiving applications for membership and a fine feeling of brotherhood exists. There is a large amount of inter-lodge visiting by the members of the lodges of this district. At practically every lodge, when I made my official visit, there were quite a number of visitors from other lodges. Many lodges have special nights, such as Burns' Night, Irish Night, St. George's Night, Soldiers' Night, Empire Night and Dominion Night, in which a special program is provided suitable to the occasion. These special nights help to keep the interest in the lodge.

In addition to the new building at Vermilion, it is gratifying to note that St. John's Lodge at Vegreville, has secured a site and expects to occupy its new home during 1938.

There was a fine response in this district to the appeal made by our Grand Master for assistance to those in the dried-out areas. In some cases the lodges organized a committee that secured a carload of supplies, while in other cases the lodge joined with the churches or other groups in obtaining supplies. In the city lodges cash subscriptions were made.

Masonic education is receiving considerable attention. In a number of lodges addresses dealing with this phase of the work are being given. The Grand Lodge Bulletin is read in all lodges, and in some, sufficient copies are obtained for many of the members to have their own.

I wish to express my thanks to Bro. Fred Ellis of Acacia Lodge No. 11, for his work as District Secretary. His knowledge of the district and his desire to co-operate were exceedingly helpful. I also wish to thank the members of Acacia Lodge and particularly R. W. Bro. A. J. Whitby, who accompanied me on my visits.

In conclusion, may I state that the fraternal good fellowship which has been extended to me throughout the district has been a great satisfaction and a real inspiration, and I bespeak for my successor, W. Bro. Dr. W. H. Scott, the same fine treatment.

Fraternally submitted,

R. S. SHEPPARD,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Barons, May 12, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I take great pleasure in submitting to you my statistical report for District No. 11 for my term of office.

I have visited all lodges except Pyramid Lodge No. 108 at Lomond. It has been impossible to get there on account of road conditions, but I will pay them an official visit on May 19th, 1938. I arranged for the installation of officers before Christmas, but have not been able to get there since.

All lodges are holding meetings regularly and the attendance has been fair. On my visit to Granite Lodge I had the pleasure of seeing three fine young men passed to the second degree. I can assure you they were well coached and required no prompting in their examination whatsoever. This lodge has a large amount of outstanding dues and have suspended two this year. The members own their hall on a share basis, which accounts for the liabilities of \$850.00.

Vulcan Lodge having a large membership always have a good attendance. Their meetings are good and the bulletin is fully discussed after being read at the fourth degree. I consider this an asset to this lodge.

The other lodges being small are not able to hold meetings during the busy seasons. I don't believe amalgamation would help, as the members would only have a greater distance to go.

I have discussed changing the date of Installation of all lodges to June instead of December. This would tend to give better attendance of members other than elected or appointed officers. It would also assist the D.D.G.M. in being sure of getting to the meetings on account of weather conditions.

I would recommend a short school to be held for instruction of incoming D.D.G.M.'s.

I would also recommend that a small ritual be printed and included with the Installation Ceremony in it and that same be placed with the officers' regalia. The new Constitution does not contain this ceremony. It is a custom in this district for it to be given from memory and the D.D.G.M. should have a copy of his own.

In conclusion, I would express my appreciation to the brethren of the district for electing me to this office, and trust that my efforts will meet with your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

E. D. MARTIN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, May 15, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have visited each of the thirteen lodges in District No. 12 at least once and some of them two and three times. I wish to express my gratitude to those brethren who provided cars, and to the many brethren who accompanied me on these visits and the assistance given by them.

There is a fine spirit in each of the lodges and I am deeply appreciative of the kindness, hospitality and courtesy with which I was received in all. In the main the work and business was conducted very well. Praise was given where merited and any criticism necessary I tried to make constructive and helpful. In the deeper meaning of Masonry I endeavored to impress upon the brethren the necessity of clear and independent thinking on the many problems of today and to the end that the members of the Fraternity should be leaders in preserving the fundamentals of liberty and democracy.

Membership for the district now stands at 1,095, a decrease of 38 for the year. Two lodges, Mayerthorpe and Whitecourt, show increases, while West Edmonton and Westlock held their own and nine show decreases. Indications are that the bottom in this respect has been reached and the tide is about to turn.

Financially, there has been considerable improvement. Liquid assets over liabilities show an increase of \$2,320.50, while total assets over liabilities an increase of \$8,507.88. This in spite of the fact that \$142.62 more was paid in cash relief, in addition to the splendid response of lodges and individual members in assistance to those in the drought areas, for which I wish to express grateful thanks to the brethren.

I would recommend that on the return forms there should be added to "Cash on hand", the words "and in Bank".

The number of meetings held decreased by 20, and the average attendance of members decreased slightly by one-half of one percent. In this connection I would recommend that forms should also show the number of visitors, in order that a fairer picture may be obtained of the interest shown in lodge meetings.

The District Meeting on October 9th was held at the Masonic Temple, Edmonton, in conjunction with District No. 3. The meeting was helpful and interesting, though the attendance was not all that could be desired. I wish to pay special tribute to the most efficient work of the District Secretary. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield of Edmonton Lodge No. 7. V. W. Bro. D. Wilby, Secretary of Onoway Lodge No. 138, was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

Special reference should be made to the 25th Anniversary ceremonies of Strathcona Lodge No. 77, which were held on April 22nd in the Masonic Temple, at which approximately 200 Masons were in attendance and enjoyed a unique dramatization by pictures and the Sound System of the Pioneer Days of the Lodge.

I enjoyed very much my trip with yourself, the Grand Secretary and W. Bro. Jas. Strath to the District Meeting of District No. 13 at High Prairie in August last, and the presence of these officers at a meeting of Tawatinaw Lodge, Athabasca, on the preceding evening was much appreciated.

From a travelling standpoint, this is a heavy district, 1,200 miles approximately being required to visit each lodge once, while next year's D.D.G.M. will have approximately 1,650 miles to travel. Consideration might well be given to some adjustment of lodges between District No. 3 and 12, or as Grand Lodge may consider expedient.

In closing, I wish to express to the brethren of District No. 12 my deep appreciation of the honor they have done me in electing me to this office and of the happy, helpful and harmonious relations I have had with them during the year, and also the assistance I have had from you, M. W. Sir, in many ways. I have benefitted greatly from the year's work and whether my humble efforts have been of any assistance to the Craft is for the brethren to say.

Fraternally submitted,

F. C. CASSELMAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

High Prairie, April 4, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report to you as your Deputy for Masonic District No. 13.

During my year of office I have had the pleasure of visiting each lodge in the district officially once. I have also visited Peace Lodge No. 126, located at Dawson Creek, B.C., which comes under the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

My first official duty was the holding of our District Meeting at High Prairie on August 20th. This meeting was very well attended, considering the time of year. It would be advisable in future to hold our District Meeting earlier or later than this year's date. We had the pleasure of a personal visit from yourself, which was greatly appreciated by the brethren present. It was also a great pleasure to welcome at this meeting our Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Casselman, D.D.G.M. District No. 12, and W. Bro. Jas. Strath of Mountain View Lodge, who accompanied you on your trip. The inspiring address given by yourself was enjoyed very much by all present. The brethren all agreed that this District Meeting was one of the best held in this district for some time. W. Bro. W. T. Turner of Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 was unanimously chosen as D.D.G.M. for 1938-39, a very wise choice, and Sexsmith was selected for the next District Meeting.

On August 24th, 1937, I paid a visit to Peace Lodge No. 126, G.R., B.C., at Dawson Creek, B.C., which was constituted by R. W. Bro. W. Grant of Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, acting for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Many distinguished brethren were present, including our Grand Secretary. I was accompanied on this trip by R. W. Bro. C. S. Spaulding and R. W. Bro. Sam Harris. District No. 13 was well represented at this meeting and I must thank the brethren of Peace Lodge for their hearty welcome and kindness to us during our visit. It was unfortunate that it was impossible for any representative from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to be present.

On my way back from Dawson Creek I paid my official visit to Hythe Lodge No. 156, on August 26th.

On October 11th, Spirit River Lodge No. 116 was officially visited. You were to have been at this meeting, but unfortunately your plane was held up by bad weather at High Prairie and you could not get through to Spirit River, which was a great disappointment to the brethren, and I know it was to yourself.

Peace River Lodge No. 89 was visited on January 11th, 1938, and Northland Lodge No. 147 on January 12th. Lake Saskatoon No. 106 I visited on February 15th, Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 on the 16th, and Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 on February 17th.

As separate reports are made out for each lodge, it is needless for me to go into this again here, but I must thank all the members of the lodges for the very kind and courteous reception I received at all points visited. All meetings were well attended, the meetings at Peace

River, Grande Prairie and Spirit River were exceptionally so. All the lodges are in sound financial condition, books are well kept by the Secretaries and the work is well put on generally but I would ask one or two of the lodges to give closer attention to the ritual.

I must thank you, M. W. Sir, for the splendid leadership you gave. Your scheme for helping out in the dried-out areas was a fine idea and I think you will agree with me that District No. 13 did their share towards it. After all, it is such things as this that makes Masonry worth while and I sincerely hope that this good work will be continued in the future.

In closing, let me say that it has been a great pleasure for me to act as your Deputy. I assure you that Masonry is in a healthy condition in this district and that under the able leadership of W. Bro. Turner, D.D.G.M. elect, I feel sure it will continue to prosper.

My work has been a pleasure, but I know that I could have done better and I hope that the brethren will not criticise me too harshly.

I must thank R. W. Bro. C. S. Spaulding for his great kindness to me, also R. W. Bro. Sam Harris, for accompanying me on all my trips. Both these brethren have been most helpful in assisting me.

My year of office will always remain a happy memory and I would wish for my successor a year equally as pleasant.

Fraternally submitted,

C. A. WALKER,
D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hanna, May 9, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

The presentation of my report on Masonic activities in District No. 14 is made with mingled feelings. It has been an honor and privilege to have acted as your representative in this district and it is with regret that one realizes that but few grains remain in the hour glass of the past year.

Our Annual District Meeting was held in Hanna, Tuesday, October 5th, 1937. Due to weather and impassable roads the attendance was very poor. All the general business was carried out in the afternoon. Portions of the work and ceremonies were exemplified by Hanna Lodge No. 78 in a very creditable manner. V. W. Bro. A. G. Bond of Hanna Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1938-39 and Hanna was selected as the place for the next District Meeting. Following a delightful banquet in the evening, we listened to a very impressive and educative address by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Hartman.

VISITATIONS

I visited each lodge in District No. 14 once and Hanna Lodge on two occasions. The dates of my tour of visits are as follows:

Hanna Lodge No. 78..... March 2nd, 1938; May 4th, 1938
Acadia Lodge No. 82..... October 19th, 1937.
Hand Hill Lodge No. 98.... November 17th, 1937.
Oyen Lodge No. 104..... September 3rd, 1937.
Crocus Lodge No. 115..... October 20th, 1937.
Craigmyle Lodge No. 132... November 16th, 1937.
Berry Creek Lodge No. 158.. October 27th, 1937

With reference to conditions in general in this district, I found a very optimistic and enthusiastic group of brethren at each lodge and truly they must be optimistic to have withstood the lean years which this district has had to suffer. The majority of the lodges have been very hard hit as a result of continued crop failures and the "Old Faithfuls" have struggled valiantly to carry on. They are to be commended most highly for their faithful and unselfish work over the past several years. However, we are all hopeful that in the near future the wheel of fortune will swing to more pleasant times.

While on my tour of visits I read a short paper on some Masonic subject at each of the lodges. I have endeavored to stimulate activity in Masonic education and feel that progress is definitely being made to increase the interest of the members in their regular meetings.

District No. 14 during the fall of 1937 received many carloads of vegetables, fruits and clothing, which to a large extent was due to the activity of Alberta Masonic lodges. I wish to state that the Masons and non-Masons who received these supplies were very much in need of them and most thankful to those more fortunate.

On the evening of Wednesday, May 4th, Hanna Lodge duly celebrated its Silver Jubilee. Special plans for an extraordinary meeting were made by the program committee, and their work was well rewarded by the turnout of members and visitors. In spite of the fact that impassable roads prevented visitors from Oyen, Chinook, Youngstown, Pollockville, Castor and Coronation from attending, on checking over the register 114 names were noted. A degree team, composed of Past Masters conferred a second degree on Bro. S. L. Mott. Following the closing of the lodge a suitable banquet was enjoyed. Notable visitors included R. W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond, D.D.G.M. of District No. 15, and several brethren from Irricana. These brothers travelled 110 miles to partake of our Jubilee exercises. The sitting Masters of Craigmyle Lodge No. 132, Hand Hill Lodge No. 98, Symbol Lodge No. 93 and Drumheller Lodge No. 146, were also in attendance, and the evening was brightened by the music of visiting brethren from Drumheller. R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon W. P. Griffith, P.G.C., of Symbol Lodge No. 93 was the guest speaker. He gave an inspired address on Masonry and I feel that those privileged to listen to his message were very fortunate.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the officers and members of the various lodges for their close co-operation with me in the work of the district during the past year. Especially, I wish to thank Bro. J. P. Winning of Hanna Lodge No. 78 who acted as District Secretary. I also wish to thank the various officers and members of Hanna who accompanied me on my official visits. In addition my thanks and appreciation is extended to the Grand Secretary

for the understanding advice and help he has given me in dealing with the problems of the district during the past year.

My hope is that my successor, V. W. Bro. Bond, will have the same loyal co-operation from the district as a whole and will have the same pleasure I have had, M. W. Sir, in being your representative in District No. 14.

Fraternally submitted,

STANLEY E. C. ARGUE,
D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Irricana, May 15, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report upon the condition of Masonry in the Fifteenth Masonic District for the year 1937-38. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege, M. W. Sir, to serve you as your Deputy in this district and I wish to sincerely thank you and the officers and members of all lodges in District No. 15 for the great honor that you have conferred upon me and for the loyal support and co-operation given me by all during my term of office.

I deeply appreciate, M. W. Sir, your very personal interest in the problems and welfare of my district and the honor of having you attend with me on three of my official visits will long be appreciated, not only by myself, but by all lodges so favored. It is greatly due to your very kind co-operation that I can say that as I complete my year of office, harmony and active progress prevails throughout my district.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, Trochu, on Monday, October 4th, 1937, with good attendance at both sessions, considering bad weather and roads. Approximately thirty percent of our total membership were present and we were very pleased and honored to receive you, M. W. Sir, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain and V. W. Bro. G. P. Puffer, Grand Steward. Everyone present seemed to agree that the meeting was enjoyable and very profitable, with harmony and the true Masonic spirit prevailing. The printed programmes mailed to every member of our district were appreciated, as those not attending at least knew of what we were doing. I wish to thank the various committees in charge of arrangements and especially the officers and members of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66 and my District Secretary, R. W. Bro. Dr. J. B. Snyder, for all their services.

After the opening by W. Bro. W. J. Taylor and officers of St. Andrew's Lodge, and the kind reception of myself, the Grand Master and other Grand Officers attending were received with Honors, being

introduced by Bro. Rev. Goddard. The minutes were read and confirmed, and our Grand Master then presented a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia to R. W. Bro. Peter Raffin of Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills, on behalf of the lodges of District No. 15.

The Master's reports were very constructive and encouraging and after a short recess W. Bro. Robert Colburn and officers of Cyprus Lodge assumed their stations and exemplified "Balloting" very efficiently. Acme Lodge No. 60 then exemplified "Examination of a Visitor" very perfectly by R. W. Bro. W. H. Grainger and assisting officers. The meeting was called off at 6:00 p.m., when we all enjoyed a splendid banquet served in fine form by the ladies of the Church Guild. One of the outstanding toasts of the banquet was "The Officers of Grand Lodge" given by W. Bro M. J. Manning of Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne, which was ably responded to by our Grand Master, who spoke on the need of a greater National Spirit.

The evening session was addressed by R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper in his usual clear and comprehensive manner. The election of D.D. G.M. then took place and R. W. Bro. Raper was elected, while the invitation from his lodge, Cavell No. 125 at Delburne, was accepted as the place for our 1938 District Meeting. We were then favored by a most interesting address by the M. W. the Grand Master on "The Modern Conception of Masonry", which was a wonderful inspiration to all present. Our District Meeting was then closed in due form by the officers of Irricana Lodge No. 137.

Statistical Report for Year 1937

Total Resident Members.....	231
Total Non-Resident Members.....	83
Total Membership.....	314
Total Increase.....	10
Total Decrease.....	12
Net Loss.....	2
Total Liquid Assets.....	\$ 2,401.66
Total Liabilities.....	3,448.08
Total Assets over Liabilities.....	\$11,889.23
Total Insurance in force.....	8,575.00
Average number of meetings held.....	11
Average attendance.....	16

Three lodges own their buildings and four rent them. All Masters were well skilled and all lodges very active but two. All lodges were visited by me officially once and three lodges, twice, besides unofficial visits to several lodges.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Fidelity Lodge No. 76, Bashaw, was visited officially on August 17th, 1937, and I was accompanied by W. Bro. F. J. Pearce of Irricana Lodge No. 137, and by the Master, W. Bro. J. D. Swift, and other members of Red Deer Lodge No. 12. We were all appropriately received and an enjoyable evening was spent in Fidelity's beautiful new lodge home, which is so well equipped. The officers were alert and very efficient and R. W. Bro. Lynn Wilson took excellent care of the secretary's office. This is the largest lodge in our district and is very active.

I again officially visited this lodge, in company with the M. W. the Grand Master, attended by R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper and V. W. Bro. G. P. Puffer. We were received in a most cordial manner. Two applicants were balloted upon and the Grand Master gave a very instructive and much enjoyed address, after which a very enjoyable banquet was served.

Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills, was my next official visit on October 20th, 1937, accompanied by many brethren from Irricana Lodge. The reception was in accord with the fraternal atmosphere always found in this lodge. With R. W. Bros. Harte, McFee and Raffin, this lodge is well guided and is very active in works of Charity and Masonic Education. The Master and his officers were well skilled and made my visit a very pleasant one.

Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne, was officially visited by me on October 14th, 1937, and several brethren of Irricana Lodge accompanied me. Though this lodge with a membership of twenty-six is our smallest, it is trying very hard to keep itself in an active and prosperous condition. It's very capable Secretary, W. Bro. M. J. Manning, is a pillar of strength, as is R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper, our incoming D.D.G.M. and R. W. Bro. G. W. Spires. With the 1938 District Meeting being held at Cavell Lodge and the next D.D.G.M. a member of this lodge, I look for a revival of membership, prosperity and interest very shortly. Their reception of myself was very kind.

Acme Lodge No. 60. I visited officially on November 18th, 1937. The officers and many brethren of Irricana Lodge were so good as to pay a fraternal visit with me on this occasion and we received a very courteous reception. W. Bro. John Goodrich and his officers were very efficient and W. Bro. B. O. Brown as Secretary took good care of his responsibilities. Though no work has come forward in this lodge in the way of candidates, the lodge is active in Masonic study and other work under the good guidance of such a grand Mason as R. W. Bro. W. H. Grainger. I am sure that with better crop conditions Acme Lodge will again flourish. The officers and members of Irricana Lodge put on a short Masonic play entitled "Inasmuch," which was greatly enjoyed.

I made an unofficial visit to this lodge on September 16th.

Irricana Lodge No. 137. I made my first official visit to my mother lodge on December 21st, 1937, and sincerely appreciate the manner in which I was received. It was a great honor to be accompanied on this visit by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, and you may be sure, M. W. Sir, that your presence and the message you brought us did much to stimulate Masonry in Irricana Lodge. We were all very happy to also have as a guest speaker, R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis, who gave us a very inspiring address on the "Philosophy of Freemasonry." A candidate was balloted upon and received favorably. W. Bro. Fred Reasbeck and his officers were very well skilled and the Secretary, W. Bro. Baker, keeps his records in excellent form, as does our Treasurer, Bro. R. W. Wright.

My second official visit to Irricana Lodge was made on May 17th., 1938, when I was cordially received in company with R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper and R. W. Bro. N. Nicholson and Oscar Price. All degree work being completed to date a petition was received from a new applicant and after the regular business was transacted the guest speaker, R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper gave a very wonderful address on "Tectonic Art, or the Work of the Freemasons' Operative Guild," which will

long be remembered in this lodge. This visit was made with the 1938 officers under the Master, W. Bro. Arthur Willdig, all of whom are very active and efficient.

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 109, Mirror, was officially visited on December 1st, 1937, and I was so enthusiastically received and saw the work of the lodge, which was the Election of Officers, so harmoniously and perfectly done that I have long remembered this visit. Being composed chiefly of railroad men and only twenty-one resident members, it was marvelous how any Past Master could step into any chair un-notified and fill it with such perfection. They have the most in liquid assets of any lodge in our district and their future should be secure. W. Bro. A. H. Finch has always been very courteous, and "looks well" to his office as Secretary.

St. Andrew's Lodge No. 66, Trochu. Accompanied by several brethren from Irricana Lodge, I officially visited this lodge on December 9th, 1937, and it was indeed a great surprise and pleasure to have the M. W. the Grand Master present, when we were enthusiastically received in due form. Though the attendance was small the W. M., Bro. W. T. Taylor, and his officers had a very instructive evening planned for us, with a guest speaker, Bro. Rev. J. G. Goddard of Delburne, to address us in his very forceful and enlightening way. Our Grand Master then gave us a most appreciative talk on the response of District No. 15 to his appeal for drouth relief, and ended with a short message of great worth.

CONCLUSION

When I took the office of D.D.G.M. my entire district had suffered from severe drouth and hail, but I am glad to report that as I finish my term our district never was blessed with better moisture conditions and better prospects, for which I am sure everyone is duly thankful. This condition will, I trust, bring not only a great harvest, but a revival in applications for membership to our lodges and a greater period of prosperity to our Masonic Order in general.

I appreciate very much the courtesies shown me by Red Deer Lodge No. 12 and by V. W. Bro. A. G. Bond and the officers of Hanna Lodge No. 78, whose Silver Jubilee I was privileged to attend.

My recommendations are that we do not endeavor to change Masonry, but that we so beautify our lodges, perfect our work and live such exemplary lives that by these means our lodge atmosphere may be more solemn, sacred and impressive, our degree work more soul inspiring and our daily life such as to reflect favorably upon the Order. I would also recommend a higher degree of Masonic instruction, possibly by expert instructors in the form of a board of professional lecturers, whose expenses would be paid by Grand Lodge. Such a plan I am sure would lead to a broader and clearer understanding of Masonry, tending towards greater unity within our jurisdiction and better co-operation with Masonry in other Grand Lodges.

I again extend to you, M. W. Sir, and to the Grand Secretary, my thanks for your very kind consideration and co-operation in all the problems of District No. 15 which I have been called upon to solve. The ready and generous response by all lodges in District No. 15 to your call for drouth relief was indeed appreciated by me as we know

it was by you, and we trust it was of some assistance to our more unfortunate brethren.

I am very grateful to every member of our Masonic Fraternity in District No. 15 who so willingly assisted to make my year so pleasant for me and I trust profitable to all of our seven lodges. Especial thanks are due R. W. Bro. Dr. J. B. Snyder for his kindness in acting as my District Secretary and to W. Bro. F. J. Pearce, who accompanied me on all of my visits.

I shall always feel grateful to you, M. W. Sir, for the honor and privilege of being your Deputy.

Fraternally submitted,

LE ROY W. BOND,
D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rockyford, May 6, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I herewith submit a report of my stewardship in District No. 16 for the Masonic year ending June, 1938.

DISTRICT MEETING

The ninth annual meeting of the lodges of this district was held in Standard on October 21st, 1938. The meeting was opened by W. Bro. O. D. Christensen and officers of Standard Lodge No. 152, after which I was received with customary honors and presented with the gavel. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bros. W. M. Connacher, J. T. Macdonald and S. J. Blair, and R. W. Bro. George Moore, S.G.W., was received with Grand Honors, invited to the East and presented with the gavel, which was returned to me after a few words of appreciation by the M. W. the Grand Master.

The meeting was well attended by members of all the lodges in the district and many matters of interest were discussed with enthusiasm. In fact, the time allotted for the various items of business and entertainment proved all too short and at the close of the meeting it was unanimously agreed to have been a marked success. A sumptuous banquet was provided by the ladies of Standard Chapter of the O.E.S. and an informal hour of musical numbers, interspersed with some very excellent toasts and replies was enjoyed by all. Encores could not be denied and it was with difficulty that the gathering was persuaded to return to the lodge room for more important and serious business.

Reports of the Masters indicated a splendid Masonic spirit, but in certain instances difficulty in weathering the economic depression, to which further reference will be made. W. Bro. John Martin of Rose-

bud Lodge No. 149, was elected D.D.G.M. for the forthcoming term and Rosebud was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting.

The Grand Master's address was the high light of the meeting and of the day, not so much from the standpoint of a literary flourish as from that of a very human appeal, indicating an intense interest in the general welfare of the Craft and a sincere wish to render it more extensively of service to the communities in which it operates. The success of his efforts in the matter of supplying relief in many parts of this Grand Jurisdiction is a further indication of his ability as an organizer as well as of the sincerity of his purpose.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Accompanied by the District Secretary, W.¹ Bro. Chas. Bradwell, in all instances and by many members of Rockyford Lodge No. 123 in several others, I visited all lodges in the district at least once before the District Meeting. To these early visits, I think, we owe much to the success of the District Meeting. Lodge problems were studied and arrangements were made for their solution by higher authorities and the general program for the District Meeting was being built up and prepared for presentation. Unfortunately, I was unable to be present at any degree work, but in the ability of the officers in charge of the lodges in this district I have utmost confidence.

CARBON LODGE No. 107

I visited this lodge on August 17th, 1937. They are fortunate in having many Past Masters and several past D.D.G.M.'s to stabilize their activities. The vicinity had recently been visited by a disastrous hail storm and the responsibilities of the lodge were of some assistance in taking the minds of the members off their economic troubles. The lodge is in most excellent financial position and prospects are far from discouraging.

SYMBOL LODGE No. 93, Drumheller

I visited this lodge on September 9th, 1937, and again on April 14th, 1938. This is the oldest, largest and wealthiest lodge in this district. Its rather valuable property is clear of encumbrance and the lodge room is beautifully appointed. The officers and members realize the value of inter-visitation with other lodges in this district and with neighboring lodges in other districts. Upon the occasion of my second visit we were delightfully entertained by W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142, Edmonton, who illustrated a unique and highly educational address by use of a huge map of our great northland and also by moving pictures of his trips into that little known vast Canadian empire.

HUSSAR LODGE No. 130

Accompanied by a self appointed squad of official gloom chasers from Rockyford Lodge, I visited this lodge on September 13th, 1937. The members of Hussar Lodge had the foresight to pay off their liabilities in those rather distant days when fortune smiled upon them. They own a good lodge hall, fully equipped, and they have no debts. However, lack of moisture during recent years has so reduced the revenues of this agricultural community as to make payment of lodge dues, in some cases, extremely difficult and the lodge is being supported by

determination and loyalty rather than by reasonable ability to pay dues. An entertainment period followed the usual banquet and I am sure the members of Hussar Lodge went home feeling they are not being forgotten by their neighboring brethren.

DRUMHELLER LODGE No. 146

This lodge was visited on September 21st, 1937. This is an interesting and fairly prosperous lodge, due chiefly, I think, to the high average attendance of its resident members. The meetings are held in the lodge rooms owned by Symbol Lodge No. 93 and there appears to be perfect harmony between these two lodges. Claims for Masonic relief are handled in an efficient and businesslike manner, which in itself is something of an achievement in these times when recipients are beginning to think they have a right to demand that other people unquestioningly continue to labor in order to support them on a higher plane than taxpayers themselves can afford to live, and in idleness. This lodge has a solid foundation and will continue to do good work as it has done in the past.

ROCKYFORD LODGE No. 123

My official visit to this, my home lodge, was on September 27th, 1937. This lodge is in a favorable financial position and prospects are improving. In common with all our country lodges, the prosperity of this lodge depends almost entirely on agricultural conditions. With improved crop prospects we can see signs of lodge developments. The principal officers are now all young Masons who are striving to uphold the traditions of the institution and to fulfill their obligations to the Craft and to society in general.

ROSEBUD LODGE No. 149

My official visit was made on October 13th, 1937. It is my impression that this lodge is somewhat handicapped by its small membership, making it difficult for the officers to handle the heavy work of the degrees when they have candidates. However, interest is keen and their average attendance of resident members is high. They rent a lodge room and have no liabilities. Such faithful loyalty is deserving of every consideration and improved crop conditions will without doubt be reflected in the general improvement of lodge prospects.

STANDARD LODGE No. 152

This lodge was visited on October 18th, 1937. The lodge rents a hall and is financially sound. Though Standard Lodge is noted for its fraternal hospitality, yet, a visiting stranger would discern an unusual note of seriousness and earnestness in all their lodge work. There was no degree upon the occasion of this visit, but it has often been my privilege to witness their work and I wish to commend the impressive and effective manner in which it is done.

GENERAL

In summing up the efforts of the past year, I wish, M. W. Sir, to express pleasure and gratification that it was my privilege to serve as your contemporary and your deputy in this district. I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 16 for their confidence in electing me to

this position and to express the hope that they have never had reason to regret their choice. It is not always possible to please everyone concerned, but it is usually possible to do one's duty. This I have endeavored to do without fear or favor and I have profited in the effort by the unfailing assistance and dependable Masonic outlook of my District Secretary, W. Bro. Bradwell. To the brethren of Rockyford and other lodges who accompanied me on my official visits I would say, may your loyalty be properly rewarded.

My only general recommendation is that consideration be given to the need of more modern cash books for the use of our secretaries and treasurers.

Fraternally submitted,

C. R. WALROD,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Wainwright, May 14, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as D.D.G.M. for District No. 17 for the year 1937-38.

During my period of office I have visited officially all lodges in the district at least once and a number of the lodges several times. My official visits were as follows:

BUFFALO PARK, No. 44, Wainwright

On Wednesday, December 1st, I visited this lodge officially. This is my own lodge, is the largest lodge in this district and owns a fine hall. Unfortunately the lodge is suffering from not having any candidates for three or four years and the interest and attendance has fallen off greatly. Financial conditions due to a series of years of bad crops in this locality have of course contributed to this condition. The senior officers are all quite capable and doing their work well, and they have exemplified the degrees although there are no prospective candidates. The lodge has also been handicapped for the last two years by having senior officers away from the lodge or district for long periods.

PALESTINE, No. 46, Tofield

On Wednesday, September 15th, I paid an official visit to this lodge. I was accompanied by W. Bros. Forryan, Clipston and Lyle of Wainwright and W. Bro. Mitchell of Edgerton. Like many other lodges attendance has fallen off a little. However, the lodge is well supported by Past Masters. The Master has moved his place of residence to Edmonton and although he attends the meetings regularly, having a Master out of town is always a drawback to a lodge. This year a fairly good crop in this locality has made conditions better and they now have their first petition in a number of years.

CONNAUGHT, No. 69, Viking

On Tuesday, September 21st I officially visited this lodge. I was accompanied by one brother from Edmonton and six Wainwright brethren. Owing to this being the first meeting held in a new hall which this lodge has just leased for its own exclusive use, there was much business in connection with their moving to be attended to and no work was put on, although they have a candidate going through. The officers and Past Masters are active and aggressive and all members are interested in getting the new hall in shape. The finances of the lodge are in particularly good condition and the attendance fair.

DYNAMIC No. 96, Holden

In company with two Wainwright brethren I paid an official visit to this lodge at Holden on Wednesday. Owing to threshing there were only two country members present. While the regular attendance does not seem large, the officers are interested and capable. The brethren are actively interested in remodeling a hall they purchased last year and now have a very handsome lodge room. With better crops this year in this locality and candidates going through, it may help this lodge considerably.

ALBION No. 97, Chauvin

On Thursday, September 2nd I officially visited this lodge in company with acting District Secretary Bro. C. G. Forryan. There were visitors from Saskatchewan, Edgerton and other lodges. This lodge has a nice hall and is in excellent condition financially. The Master and the officers are keen and capable, but the attendance of the members has fallen off a little. The social side of Masonry is well taken care of, but two years of bad crops have held back prospective candidates.

EDGERTON No. 102

Accompanied by two brethren from Wainwright and with a number from Chauvin, I paid my official visit to this lodge on Monday, August 18th. That evening two petitions were received, two balloted for and two candidates raised. The work was well put on and the attendance good. Edgerton Lodge is the bright spot this year in District No. 17. It has had a number of hard years during which a few faithful members carried the lodge, but it has now had some half dozen excellent candidates, who have added to its interest and strength. The lodge hall, which was purchased a few years ago, is being steadily improved and now has only a very small debt against it. Much credit for this is due to W. Bro. Mitchell, who also accompanied me on many of my visits. There seems to have been no need for benevolence from this lodge during the year.

VICTORY No. 112, Jarrow

On Thursday, August 5th, with eight brethren from Buffalo Park Lodge and one from Edgerton, I officially visited Victory Lodge. *Every* resident member was present. Although this was the first time the new officers had filled their chairs the work was good. This lodge has a very small membership, only twelve being resident, and of whom all but two or three are Past Masters. Yet it has a particularly high average attendance, although most of its members live in the country. This

lodge is a credit to Masonry. Unfortunately the outlook for new members does not appear to be very good, as crops have been poor.

GRATTON No. 144, Irma

This lodge I visited twice during the year, but on April 21st I made my official visit. Like many others, this lodge has a falling off in attendance, partly owing to no candidates for some time, and they have perhaps suffered due to the previous Master having moved away from Irma during his term of office, while the present Master was laid up for some time from a bad accident. On this evening ten brethren of Buffalo Park Lodge demonstrated the third degree. The D.D.G.M. elect is a member of this lodge and no doubt it will be more active this coming year.

BENEVOLENCE

Two lodges at the east end of this district were in the official drought area and that locality received assistance. However, the six lodges situated where crops were better took up whole heartedly the Grand Master's scheme of shipping vegetables, etc., to the dried out areas and cars or joint cars were shipped from Wainwright, Irma, Jarrow, Viking, Holden and Tofield. There was also \$182.00 in cash paid out by the various lodges.

ACTIVITIES

At Irma on June 24th I acted as Director of Ceremonies at a joint Installation of six lodges of the district. There was a fine turn out of one hundred or more brethren. The Deputy Grand Master, assisted by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, P.G.M., and the Grand Registrar acted as installing officer, and in spite of the fact that six lodges is more than can be conveniently handled, a very impressive ceremony was given by the Grand Officers, as well as inspiring addresses at the banquet afterwards.

On January 10th a number of Wainwright brethren and myself motored to Irma to assist at the funeral of the late Bro. Elliott of Gratton Lodge.

On Monday, July 19th, assisted by W. Bro. Forryan of Buffalo Park Lodge, I installed the Master of Edgerton Lodge No. 102. There were also present two carloads of brethren from Connaught Lodge, Viking, who put on the second degree, passing two candidates. They brought with them their illustrated Historical Register, which is a very fine piece of work.

On Tuesday, October 19th, Connaught Lodge No. 69 celebrated their 25th Anniversary. There were present about one hundred brethren from ten different lodges. Addresses were given by M. W. Bro. Downey, P.G.M., R. W. Bro. A. West, D.G.M., and R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell. A Travelling Bible, which had been instituted by this lodge some years ago and which has been to England and many lodges in Saskatchewan and Alberta, was returned to Acacia Lodge No. 11, Edmonton, who attended in a body, with the Master, Wardens and brethren taking part in the presentation. I had the pleasure of presenting the retiring D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. W. B. Richardson, with a set of P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia, as a gift from the district and his own lodge.

DISTRICT MEETING

In order to find out what time of year was most suitable for a District Meeting in this district, at my request the Grand Master set an early date for the meeting this year, the date chosen being Thursday, September 23rd. Unfortunately heavy rains the preceding night held up some brethren from the east. However, all lodges in the district were well represented, and we were pleased to have the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary present.

The programme called for discussions on the following subjects: attendance, visiting, benevolence, Masonic education, and a change in what has been the custom in this district in selecting the D.D.G.M. Questions regarding examining the ballot, the tyler balloting and others regarding the Work, were presented and answered by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

At 6:30 a very fine banquet was served by the members of the Eastern Star, when an enjoyable address was given by the Grand Master and many interesting remarks by the brethren in proposing and replying to the toasts.

In the evening the various lodges demonstrated parts of the Work, such as balloting, examining a visitor, calling from labor to refreshment and from refreshment to labor, etc. Nominations having been called for, a ballot was taken, and W. Bro. Fletcher of Gratton Lodge No. 144, Irma, was declared elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master, while Irma was decided upon as the place of the next District Meeting. After an inspiring address by the Grand Master, the meeting was closed.

VISITATIONS

I am glad to note that the members are doing more visiting as between lodges. As well as paying at least one official visit to each lodge in the district, I have visited with members of Buffalo Park Lodge some lodges as often as four times this year. However, I find that some lodges, that are not situated within easy reach of other lodges, both themselves neglect this beneficial side of Masonry and are themselves neglected by other lodges. If these distant lodges were visited occasionally by some Grand Lodge officers or other good speakers, it would help greatly.

FINANCIAL

While attendance, interest and numbers seems to have fallen off in nearly all lodges, it is pleasing to note that all lodges in this district are financially better off. No lodge has any heavy debt or burden. Four out of eight lodges own their halls, with either little or no debt owing on them. One lodge has a considerable sum of money on hand in a building fund, and others have no debts at all.

GENERAL

There is no doubt that lack of candidates, partially due to financial conditions, brought on in this district by a succession of poor crops, has caused a general falling off in attendance and interest, and the work of carrying on has been left to a faithful few. However, I find in those that are carrying on a true Masonic spirit and a desire to be of use and

help to their fellow men. There appears to be perfect harmony in all lodges in the district and a very friendly feeling exists between the different lodges, no doubt due to increased visiting.

The ceremony commemorating the Coronation was carried out by nearly all lodges, with pledges of fidelity and loyalty to our gracious King and Queen.

I find lodges unintentionally neglect the newly raised brother and possibly lose what might be an active member by not continuing his Masonic education and not giving him a part in the lodge work.

I regret being unable to attend other District Meetings, to which I received many kind invitations. However, I was able to be present at Vermilion Lodge on the occasion of R. W. Bro. Sheppard's official visit, which was also the occasion of that lodge's thirtieth anniversary and the laying of the corner stone of their new hall. I assisted at the funeral of the late Bro. F. Plust, who was buried by Buffalo Park Lodge at the request of Bassano Lodge.

My thanks are due to my District Secretary and also to the many brethren, both of my own and other lodges, who accompanied me on my visits. The cordial and friendly receptions that I have received at all times have made my duties not a labor but a real pleasure and joy far outweighing the work, trouble and time that a D.D.G.M. has to give to his office.

Faternally submitted,

C. T. LALLY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. M. Snedden (91), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the
fiscal year ending February 28th, 1938:

March 1st, 1937, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 3,838.63
Deposits, General Fund.....	\$16,638.42
Drought Relief Fund.....	834.00
	17,472.42
	\$21,311.05
<i>Less:</i>	
Cheques issued.....	\$11,851.26
Transfers to Relief and Benevolent Funds..	5,453.00
	17,304.26
February 28th, 1938, Cash in Bank.....	\$ 4,006.79

A detailed account of above receipts and disbursements is fully
set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by
R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), "That the report of the Grand Treas-
urer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Edmonton, June 8, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirty-third Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances for the financial year ending February 28th, 1938. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1937, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 204 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 29 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 133 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-laws of the following:

Strathcona, No. 77.....	Sept. 17, 1937
Spitzie, No. 6.....	Nov. 15, 1937
Acacia, No. 11.....	Nov. 17, 1937
Hope, No. 38....	Jan. 20, 1938
Connaught, No. 69....	Jan. 20, 1938
Hythe, No. 156.....	Feb. 2, 1938
Calgary, No. 23.....	Feb. 10, 1938
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Feb. 10, 1938
Ionic, No. 45.....	Mar. 30, 1938
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 1, 1938
Gratton, No. 144.....	June 1, 1938

Amendments to By-Laws

Buffalo Park, No. 44.....	July 5, 1937
Crescent, No. 87.....	Sept. 7, 1937
Patricia, No. 91.....	Sept. 16, 1937
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Sept. 17, 1937
Vermilion, No. 24.....	Sept. 17, 1937
Bassano, No. 55.....	Sept. 17, 1937
Medicine Hat, No. 2.....	Oct. 18, 1937
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Oct. 20, 1937
Perfection, No. 9.....	Nov. 17, 1937
King George, No. 59.....	Nov. 17, 1937
Empire, No. 63.....	Dec. 4, 1937
Commercial, No. 81.....	Dec. 4, 1937
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Dec. 14, 1937
Rocky Mountain, No. 86.....	Dec. 18, 1937
Symbol, No. 93.....	Jan. 17, 1938
Bowden, No. 42.....	Jan. 20, 1938
Commercial, No. 81.....	Jan. 20, 1938
Bow River, No. 1.....	Feb. 26, 1938
Bow Island, No. 64.....	Mar. 10, 1938
Lamont, No. 94.....	Mar. 10, 1938
Provost, No. 61.....	Mar. 31, 1938
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Apr. 7, 1938
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Apr. 22, 1938
Wetaskiwin, No. 15.....	May 5, 1938
Bowden, No. 42.....	May 5, 1938
Drumheller, No. 146.....	May 5, 1938
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	May 14, 1938
Dominion, No. 117.....	June 1, 1938

DISPENSATIONS**To Wear Regalia at Divine Service**

Apollo, No. 27.....	June 12, 1937
Strathmore, No. 53.....	June 12, 1937
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	June 12, 1937
Eureka, No. 10.....	June 16, 1937
Corinthian, No. 22.....	June 16, 1937
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June 16, 1937
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 16, 1937
Bow Island, No. 64.....	June 19, 1937
Forestburg, No. 128.....	July 2, 1937
Manyberries, No. 133.....	Aug. 14, 1937
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	Aug. 18, 1937
Lethbridge, No. 39.....	Oct. 16, 1937
Hythe, No. 156.....	Apr. 7, 1938
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	May 27, 1938

To Hold Special Installations

Norwood, No. 90.....	June 12, 1937
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June 12, 1937
Berry Creek, No. 158.....	June 12, 1937
Hope, No. 38.....	June 16, 1937

Acme, No. 60.....	June 16, 1937
Edson, No. 68.....	June 16, 1937
Verdigris, No. 100.....	June 16, 1937
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	June 21, 1937
Jasper, No. 14.....	June 25, 1937
Onoway, No. 138.....	June 25, 1937
Edgerton, No. 102.....	June 30, 1937
Commercial No. 81.....	Nov. 16, 1937
Unity, No. 51.....	Nov. 19, 1937
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 19, 1937
Dominion, No. 117.....	Nov. 29, 1937
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Ancient Landmark, No. 109.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Alliance, No. 135.....	Dec. 6, 1937
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 9, 1937
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 13, 1937
Apollo, No. 27.....	Dec. 17, 1937
Bowden, No. 42.....	Dec. 17, 1937
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Dec. 17, 1937
Innisfail, No. 8.....	Dec. 22, 1937
Perfection, No. 9.....	Dec. 22, 1937
Mountain View, No. 16.....	Dec. 22, 1937
Summit, No. 30.....	Dec. 22, 1937
Ionic, No. 45.....	Dec. 22, 1937
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec. 22, 1937
Meridian, No. 129.....	Dec. 23, 1937
Melrose, No. 139.....	Dec. 23, 1937
Rising Sun, No. 122.....	Dec. 24, 1937
Big Valley, No. 140.....	Dec. 24, 1937
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec. 28, 1937
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Dec. 28, 1937
Cavell, No. 125.....	Dec. 29, 1937
Gleichen, No. 36.....	Dec. 30, 1937
Morning Star, No. 79.....	Dec. 30, 1937
Brooks, No. 73.....	Jan. 4, 1938
Kitchener, No. 95.....	Jan. 4, 1938
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Jan. 4, 1938
Standard, No. 152.....	Jan. 4, 1938
Whitecourt, No. 153.....	Jan. 4, 1938
Acadia, No. 82.....	Jan. 8, 1938
Pyramid, No. 108.....	Jan. 14, 1938

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Champion, No. 84.....	July 7, 1937
Acme, No. 60.....	Oct. 12, 1937
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	Dec. 28, 1937
Camrose, No. 37.....	Jan. 20, 1938
Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	Jan. 20, 1938
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Jan. 24, 1938

To Invest Out of Time

Northland, No. 147.....	Sept. 2, 1937
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	Jan. 3, 1938

Doric, No. 31.....	Jan. 3, 1938
Nobleford, No. 111.....	Jan. 6, 1938
Hussar, No. 130.....	Jan. 8, 1938
Hythe, No. 156.....	Jan. 13, 1938
Alliance, No. 135.....	Jan. 17, 1938
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Feb. 3, 1938

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Concord, No. 124.....	Oct. 22, 1937
Zetland, No. 83.....	Oct. 22, 1937
Unity, No. 51.....	Apr. 22, 1938

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

Acacia, No. 11.....	June 11, 1937
Symbol, No. 93.....	June 12, 1937
Carstairs, No. 20.....	June 16, 1937
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Aug. 14, 1937
Camrose, No. 37.....	Oct. 4, 1937
Cyprus, No. 113.....	Oct. 22, 1937
Zetland, No. 83.....	Oct. 22, 1937
Joppa, No. 40.....	Nov. 3, 1937
Symbol, No. 93.....	Nov. 3, 1937
Carstairs, No. 20.....	Nov. 8, 1937
Empire, No. 63.....	Nov. 19, 1937
Crocus, No. 115.....	Dec. 9, 1937
Commercial, No. 81.....	Dec. 23, 1937
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 23, 1937
Peace River, No. 89.....	Jan. 20, 1938
Commercial, No. 81.....	Feb. 10, 1938
Irricana, No. 137.....	Mar. 12, 1938
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Apr. 4, 1938
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Apr. 4, 1938
Dominion, No. 117.....	Apr. 27, 1938
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	May 20, 1938
Norwood, No. 90.....	May 20, 1938
Rosebud, No. 149.....	May 21, 1938

To Act Without Residence Qualifications

Corinthian, No. 22.....	Aug. 2, 1937
Kenilworth, No. 29.....	Jan. 28, 1938
Innisfail, No. 8.....	May 14, 1938

To Act with Physical Defect

King George, No. 59.....	Apr. 5, 1938
Bassano, No. 55.....	Apr. 6, 1938

To Confer Degrees Within Time Prescribed by the Constitution

Apollo, No. 27.....	June 12, 1937
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To Pass a Resolution regarding Amalgamation at an Emergent Meeting

Donalda, No. 150.....Nov. 26, 1937

INCORPORATED LODGES

Certificates were issued to the following, to enable them to register for incorporation:

Sexsmith, No. 160.....Nov. 19, 1937

Onoway, No. 138.....May 28, 1938

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

A list of Commissions issued to Grand Representatives in other Grand Lodges and recommendations made by the M. W. the Grand Master of brethren as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, is given in the Grand Master's Address.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Masonic Research and Education

R. W. Bro. A. West, Chairman; M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, M. W. Bro. John Martland, M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, R. W. Bro. F. Parker and W. Bro. A. Blair Paterson.

Grand Master's Address

M. W. Bro. John Martland, Chairman; M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, and M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

Grand Secretary's Report

M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, Chairman; M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell and R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis.

Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. John Raper, Chairman; M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton and R. W. Bro. R. S. Sheppard.

Fifty-year Jewel

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Chairman; M. W. Bro. John Martland and M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1936 (as corrected) 11,367

Increase

Initiated.....	205
Passed.....	197
Raised.....	204
Joined.....	143
Reinstated.....	118
Total Increase.....	466

Decrease

Dimitted.....	305
Suspended N.P.D.....	321
Suspended U.M.C.....	1
Died.....	148
Total Decrease.....	775
Net Decrease.....	309

Total Membership, December 31, 1937. 11,058

The above figures show an improvement. Ninety-four lodges had work to do, some of which had not had any for several years, while last year there were eighty-eight. An encouraging increase is shown in the restorations, 118 as against 44 last year, indicating that special effort on the part of the member, as well as consideration by the lodge, has been exerted to restore these brethren to Masonic health again. There is also a slight increase in the number of affiliations—a return to the fold that is welcome.

The net decrease a year ago was 782. This has been reduced this year to a net decrease of 309, the lowest reported since 1931, which was the first year we showed a net loss in membership. It should be noted at the end of 1930 our total membership was 14,214 and seven years later our total membership stands at 11,058, a drop of 3,156, with a corresponding loss in revenue to all the Grand Lodge funds.

However, the fact is that numbers in Masonry do not constitute in the main either success or prosperity, which is borne out by our present position. Our lodges as a whole appear to be carrying on successfully, in spite of adverse conditions, and continue to function as Masons should. The Masonic lodge has been a haven of refuge, where men could meet and forget their material problems for a time, finding relaxation from stress and strain in the companionship of their brethren. Nor has their Grand Lodge failed them. Many a small and impoverished lodge has been able to succor the aged, the widow and the orphan with the assistance of the Board of Benevolence. Many have made their meetings more interesting with the aid of books and material from the Grand Lodge library, the Bulletin, the Committee on Research and Education, Grand Officer's visits, and not least their own officer's efforts to provide acceptable Masonic fare. During this trying period

only one lodge found it necessary to surrender its charter, while another solved its difficulty by amalgamation, which again is proof of the virility of Masonry.

A Masonic event of unusual interest took place on August 24th last in the village of Dawson Creek, B.C., which is at the end of the steel in the Peace River Block. The occasion was the constitution and consecration of Peace Lodge No. 126, G.R.B.C., and the installation of the Master and investiture of the other officers. Owing to the difficulty of communication and travel, the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia issued a commission to R. W. Bro. Wm. Grant of Wembley, Alberta, Hon. D.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, empowering him to convene a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at Dawson Creek for the purpose of performing the ceremony.

Our Grand Master, having instructed me to offer the use of our ceremonial vessels and the assistance of any of our Grand Officers who could attend, which was cordially accepted, I accompanied R. W. Bro. Grant, after the District Meeting at High Prairie, to Dawson Creek, where the Master, W. Bro. Roy L. Boal and his officers and brethren gave us a hearty reception. We also had with us our Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Harris, and several P.D.D.G.M.'s and officers and members of lodges in our Peace River District. R. W. Bro. Wm. Grant, as Acting Grand Master, with the assistance of the visiting brethren, opened Grand Lodge "In Form" and conducted the subsequent ceremonies in a manner that impressed all present, after which we were entertained by Peace Lodge with true western hospitality.

I have been asked several times if it would be possible to give the membership some idea of the work of the Grand Lodge office, and so, very briefly, I will attempt hereto indicate in a general way the scope of our activities.

Naturally, correspondence forms a very important part of the work. Approximately 1,000 pieces of mail per month, excluding parcels by express, are sent out, and a corresponding number come in to be dealt with. Correspondence is carried on with the lodges and also with members covering various Masonic matters. The majority of these letters are not of a straight business nature, but require consideration and possibly research before being answered. It is through the Grand Lodge office that contact is maintained with all the regular Grand Lodges throughout the world, and this constitutes an essential service. In this way we are able to reach around the world and secure information of brethren far removed from their families, friends and lodges. The courtesy and trouble taken for us in distant lands is often surprising in the service rendered.

All the correspondence in connection with the work of benevolence is dealt with in this office and each case on our files has to be kept in touch with by more or less continuous correspondence. The Board of Benevolence meets once a month, minutes of which are sent to every member of the Board, often running to six pages of typed matter. There are also regular meetings of the Finance Committee and other special meetings, requiring financial statements and minutes of each, together with additional correspondence.

The half-yearly returns from lodges entail much routine work. Register cards with full particulars are made out in duplicate for each initiate and affiliate reported, together with an index card for each.

Particulars of changes in membership, deaths, dimitts, suspensions, etc., have to be carefully checked, carded and listed for the Proceedings. In this connection a total of 416 Grand Lodge certificates were made out in the past year, carefully checked, sealed and mailed.

The inspection of Bonds, the clipping of coupons and bank deposits of all cheques and monies received together with their acknowledgment, invoicing for supplies and bookkeeping consequent thereto, as well as the issuing of 75 voucher cheques monthly for relief grants and general accounts, requires careful attention.

Each month has its particular duties. For instance, after the work of preparation for the Annual Communication in the Spring, during the summer months, when most of our lodges are not meeting, the annual Proceedings have to be prepared for the printer, which includes typing of practically all copy, proof reading and double checking before the final printing. In the Fall, in addition to the routine work, much time is taken up in attendance at the District Meetings, which entails absence from the office, when of course correspondence cannot always be answered promptly.

Personal interviews are frequent and often occupy hours at a time, so that perhaps as much as two hours a day might be allotted for this purpose. In fact, the office is never closed to any member, at any time, who desires an interview. It is considered, that especially in the case of out-of-town members who take opportunity when in Calgary to visit the Grand Lodge office, on some matter of importance to themselves or their lodges, every courtesy should be extended to them, and their problems given close attention. It is also felt that the personal contact has great value in promoting closer relations between the office and lodge members, and I always feel it a pleasant privilege to receive these visitors.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. L. Kinnear". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Grand Secretary.

Financial Report of the Grand Secretary and Auditor's Report for the Year Ending February 28th, 1938

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Monies received between February 1, 1937, and February 28, 1938

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$249.90	40.	Joppa.....	49.85
2.	Medicine Hat.....	234.25	41.	King Solomon....	52.05
3.	Alberta.....	125.15	42.	Bowden.....	61.85
4.	North Star.....	190.60	43.	Tuscan.....	79.50
5.	Cascade.....	147.20	44.	Buffalo Park....	75.45
6.	Spitzie.....	94.50	45.	Ionic.....	55.90
7.	Edmonton.....	316.55	46.	Palestine.....	70.85
8.	Innisfail.....	94.05	47.	Chinook.....	47.15
9.	Perfection.....	386.25	48.	Crossfield.....	177.10
10.	Eureka.....	129.50	49.	Robert Burns....	40.05
11.	Acacia.....	241.02	50.	Comet.....	34.95
12.	Red Deer.....	143.65	51.	Unity.....	380.15
13.	Victoria.....	96.20	53.	Strathmore.....	102.90
14.	Jasper.....	156.40	54.	Mount Lebanon..	238.70
15.	Wetaskiwin....	137.75	55.	Bassano.....	101.70
16.	Mountain View ..	131.68	56.	Beaver.....	88.60
17.	Nanton.....	85.10	57.	Grassy Lake....	28.95
18.	Britannia.....	94.95	58.	Chief Mountain..	48.00
19.	Cornerstone.....	159.25	59.	King George.....	331.25
20.	Carstairs.....	47.00	60.	Acme.....	48.30
21.	King Hiram.....	89.50	61.	Provost.....	60.84
22.	Corinthian.....	194.85	62.	Coal.....	151.57
23.	Calgary.....	218.00	63.	Empire.....	129.15
24.	Vermillion.....	68.00	64.	Bow Island.....	67.10
25.	St. John's.....	190.30	65.	Diamond City...	43.30
26.	Sentinel.....	80.85	66.	St. Andrew's....	107.64
27.	Apollo.....	169.10	67.	Charity.....	86.00
28.	Ashlar.....	179.25	68.	Edson.....	198.30
29.	Kenilworth.....	89.10	69.	Connaught.....	61.30
30.	Summit.....	96.75	70.	Quarry.....	49.75
31.	Doric.....	62.70	71.	Tawatinaw.....	57.00
32.	Cairo.....	103.90	72.	Coronation.....	102.70
33.	Stavely.....	64.80	73.	Brooks.....	114.40
34.	Star of the West..	66.70	74.	Vulcan.....	119.60
35.	Mizpah.....	206.50	75.	Harmony.....	54.05
36.	Gleichen.....	90.85	76.	Fidelity.....	165.65
37.	Camrose.....	124.05	77.	Strathcona.....	205.25
38.	Hope.....	66.95	78.	Hanna.....	107.71
39.	Lethbridge.....	179.20	79.	Morning Star....	45.55

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
80.	Excelsior.....	32.70	128.	Forestburg.....	47.95
81.	Commercial.....	172.80	129.	Meridian.....	55.30
82.	Acadia.....	50.40	130.	Hussar.....	42.05
83.	Zetland.....	292.10	131.	Kitscoty.....	47.44
84.	Champion.....	60.75	132.	Craigmyle.....	38.10
86.	Rocky Mountain..	82.42	133.	Manyberries.....	65.58
87.	Crescent.....	336.65	134.	Renfrew.....	143.20
88.	Wahpun.....	53.50	135.	Alliance.....	41.60
89.	Peace River.....	107.55	136.	Cresset.....	19.60
90.	Norwood.....	129.95	137.	Irricana.....	77.50
91.	Patricia.....	296.40	138.	Onoway.....	31.60
92.	Saskatchewan.....	142.75	139.	Melrose.....	23.80
93.	Symbol.....	208.75	140.	Big Valley.....	26.30
94.	Lamont.....	59.10	141.	Efficiency.....	42.30
95.	Kitchener.....	47.55	142.	Ivanhoe.....	232.00
96.	Dynamic.....	55.20	143.	Jasper Park.....	100.05
97.	Albion.....	58.40	144.	Gratton.....	41.55
98.	Hand Hill.....	118.45	145.	St. Alban's.....	76.05
100.	Verdigris.....	68.90	146.	Drumheller.....	90.10
101.	West Edmonton..	333.70	147.	Northland.....	61.05
102.	Edgerton.....	68.85	148.	Mayerthorpe.....	41.60
103.	Foremost.....	55.40	149.	Rosebud.....	17.80
104.	Oyen.....	62.90	150.	Donalda.....	11.60
105.	Grande Prairie..	113.15	151.	Lochearn.....	94.50
106.	Lake Saskatoon..	66.15	152.	Standard.....	40.20
107.	Carbon.....	64.30	153.	Whitecourt.....	55.00
108.	Pyramid.....	42.70	154.	Waskatenau.....	25.85
109.	Ancient Landmark	44.80	155.	Earl Haig.....	41.30
110.	Kilwinning.....	51.20	156.	Hythe.....	34.45
111.	Nobleford.....	40.50	157.	Sharon.....	36.50
112.	Victory.....	25.45	158.	Berry Creek.....	25.75
113.	Cyprus.....	70.35	159.	Lucerne.....	27.20
114.	Westlock.....	73.30	160.	Sexsmith.....	59.65
115.	Crocus.....	56.85	Masonic District No. 2.		55.00
116.	Spirit River.....	111.60	Masonic District No. 4.		60.00
117.	Dominion.....	140.00	Masonic District No. 5.		170.25
118.	St. Mark's.....	150.20	Masonic District No. 8.		85.00
119.	York.....	144.60	Masonic District No. 9.		50.00
120.	Monitor.....	48.05	Masonic District No. 11.		55.00
122.	Rising Sun.....	31.00	Masonic District No. 13.		55.00
123.	Rockyford.....	62.45	Masonic District No. 14.		85.00
124.	Concord.....	172.35	Sundry Account.....		10.94
125.	Cavell.....	30.75			
126.	Pembina.....	26.90			
127.	Granite.....	93.50			
				Total.....	\$16,638.42

DEBIT BALANCES

As at February 28, 1938

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$.25	8.	Innisfail.....	8.50
2.	Medicine Hat.....	.25	9.	Perfection.....	3.95
3.	Alberta.....	1.13	10.	Eureka.....	3.90
4.	North Star.....	4.00	13.	Victoria.....	7.50
6.	Spitzie.....	1.55	14.	Jasper.....	2.00

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.40	93.	Symbol.....	5.30
16.	Mountain View....	8.02	95.	Kitchener.....	2.00
21.	King Hiram.....	36.60	96.	Dynamic.....	.85
24.	Vermilion.....	56.80	105.	Grande Prairie....	8.75
25.	St. John's.....	1.35	108.	Pyramid.....	1.00
28.	Ashlar.....	.50	110.	Kilwinning.....	21.55
29.	Kenilworth.....	1.90	111.	Nobleford.....	1.25
30.	Summit.....	4.00	114.	Westlock.....	2.05
32.	Cairo.....	1.85	118.	St. Mark's.....	136.05
34.	Star of the West..	2.25	119.	York.....	2.95
37.	Camrose.....	2.15	122.	Rising Sun.....	32.45
39.	Lethbridge.....	2.78	123.	Rockyford.....	2.40
42.	Bowden.....	.35	124.	Concord.....	.20
45.	Ionic.....	7.40	126.	Pembina.....	21.00
47.	Chinook.....	1.25	127.	Granite.....	.10
48.	Crossfield.....	246.39	130.	Hussar.....	2.00
49.	Robert Burns.....	.60	133.	Manyberries.....	7.07
50.	Comet.....	3.30	134.	Renfrew.....	.25
51.	Unity.....	4.15	135.	Alliance.....	1.00
53.	Strathmore.....	3.40	136.	Cresset.....	21.15
60.	Acme.....	.90	137.	Irricana.....	.60
61.	Provost.....	9.38	139.	Melrose.....	1.65
63.	Empire.....	.35	140.	Big Valley.....	21.65
70.	Quarry.....	1.90	142.	Ivanhoe.....	6.20
71.	Tawatinaw.....	.30	143.	Jasper Park.....	6.00
73.	Brooks.....	1.00	145.	St. Alban's.....	.75
76.	Fidelity.....	45.20	148.	Mayerthorpe....	20.10
77.	Strathcona.....	4.00	149.	Rosebud.....	.45
79.	Morning Star.....	5.60	153.	Whitecourt.....	27.45
80.	Excelsior.....	.40	155.	Earl Haig.....	3.20
81.	Commercial.....	2.15	156.	Hythe.....	1.00
84.	Champion.....	7.50	158.	Berry Creek.....	22.80
86.	Rocky Mountain..	.58	159.	Lucerne.....	.70
88.	Wahpun.....	3.90	Masonic District No. 4..		25.00
89.	Peace River.....	2.00	Masonic District No. 9..		35.00
90.	Norwood.....	1.25			
91.	Patricia.....	1.10	Total.....		\$947.90

CREDIT BALANCES

As at February 28, 1938

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
7.	Edmonton.....	\$ 2.40	78.	Hanna.....	1.35
19.	Cornerstone.....	.55	82.	Acadia.....	1.65
20.	Carstairs.....	3.86	87.	Crescent.....	.60
27.	Apollo.....	.40	94.	Lamont.....	4.75
31.	Doric.....	.75	101.	West Edmonton..	2.00
40.	Joppa.....	.15	103.	Foremost.....	1.40
41.	King Solomon....	.60	104.	Oyen.....	.65
55.	Bassano.....	.60	112.	Victory.....	.60
58.	Chief Mountain..	.20	116.	Spirit River.....	1.60
62.	Coal.....	4.30	117.	Dominion.....	1.45
64.	Bow Island.....	2.30	125.	Cavell.....	1.00
65.	Diamond City....	1.15	128.	Forestburg.....	.15
67.	Charity.....	1.00	131.	Kitscoty.....	6.34

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
132.	Craigmyle.....	.75	Masonic District No. 11.		.10
138.	Onoway.....	.75	Masonic District No. 12.		1.50
154.	Waskatenau.....	.25	Masonic District No. 14.		1.25
157.	Sharon.....	.15	Masonic District No. 15.		3.00
160.	Sexsmith.....	.25			
Masonic District No. 5.		85.60	Total.....		<u>\$135.40</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, April 14th, 1938.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books and accounts of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year ended February 28th, 1938, and submit herewith the following statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at February 28th, 1938.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the year.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes effected in the Benevolent Fund Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during the past year.

SCHEDULE showing the Investments held in the Benevolent and Relief Funds, the cost, interest received thereon during the year and the amount of the accrued interest to February 28th, 1938.

I have had submitted to me full and sufficient vouchers covering all payments made, and these have been duly authorized by the Finance Committee.

In company with the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds and found same to be in order.

No Interest has been received on the Province of Alberta Bonds during the past year. The amount shown as accrued interest on these Bonds is calculated at the full rate regardless of the Alberta Interest Reduction Act. The amount that would be payable under this Act would be \$5,645.65.

The Revenue Account shows an excess of Expenditure over Income of \$814.21 which is approximately the same as 1937, but in that year \$600.00 was paid from the Relief Fund on account of the expenses of the General Fund, but no provision was made for a similar amount to be paid in the past year.

The Balances due by Lodges is the lowest figure yet attained, and since the closing of the books \$224.38 of the amount owing at February 28th, 1938, has been paid. Only one Lodge is in arrears for one year's fees.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I am of the opinion that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at February 28th, 1938, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
Chartered Accountant, Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at February 28th, 1938

ASSETS

General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia:	
Current Account.....\$3,890.83	
Drought Relief Fund.....115.96	
	<u>\$ 4,006.79</u>
Balances due from Lodges.....	947.90
Books, Stationery and Supplies.....	1,541.51
Office Supplies on hand.....	213.49
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,829.31
Regalia.....	865.16
	<u>\$ 9,404.16</u>
Benevolent Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....\$ 618.80	
Investments in Bonds (cost). (Par Value	186,031.93
\$196,200.00).....	3,000.84
Accrued Interest	<u>189,651.57</u>
Relief Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....\$ 3,039.59	
Investments in Bonds (cost) (Par Value	17,931.25
\$17,500.00).....	9,338.01
Accrued Interest	<u>30,308.85</u>
Trust Funds:	
Walton Trust Fund—Balance in Bank	
of Nova Scotia.....\$ 293.22	
Strachey Trust Fund—Balance in Bank	
of Nova Scotia.....	7.42
	<u>300.64</u>
	<u>\$229,665.22</u>

LIABILITIES

General Fund:	
Balances due to Lodges.....\$ 135.40	
Unexpired Proportion of Life Mem-	
berships.....	771.71
Drought Relief Fund.....	115.96
Surplus Account:	
Balance March 1, 1937.....\$9,178.60	
Plus Credit Balances of Suffield	
and Clive Lodges.....16.70	
	<u>\$9,195.30</u>
Less Excess of Expenditure	814.21
over Income.....	<u>\$ 9,404.16</u>
Benevolent Fund:	
Capital Account:	
As per schedule attached.....	189,651.57
Relief Fund:	
Surplus Account:	
As per schedule attached.....	30,308.85
Trust Funds:	
United Grand Lodge of England:	
Walton Trust Fund.....\$ 293.22	
Strachey Trust Fund.....	7.42
	<u>300.64</u>
	<u>\$229,665.22</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

As at February 28th, 1938

By Balance, March 1, 1937.....	\$189,993.41	
Affiliation Fees.....		144.00
Interest on Savings.....		6.82
To Adjustment on Accrued Interest.....	\$ 481.66	
Charges on Bonds sent to Edmonton....	11.00	
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	189,651.57	
	<u>\$190,144.23</u>	<u>\$190,144.23</u>

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at February 28th, 1938

By Balance, March 1, 1937.....	\$ 25,809.63	
Interest received on Bonds.....		5,143.70
Membership Fees.....		5,309.00
Interest on Savings Account.....		18.17
Accrued Interest on Province of Alberta Bonds....		5,802.50
To Payments to Beneficiaries.....	\$ 11,774.15	
Balance to Balance Sheet.....	30,308.85	
	<u>\$ 42,083.00</u>	<u>\$ 42,083.00</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 months ended February 28th, 1938

By Membership Fees.....	\$ 7,432.60
Initiation Fees.....	412.00
Certificate Fees.....	586.00
Dispensations.....	122.00
Life Membership Fees.....	201.86
Supplies Sales.....	1,189.11
Regalia Sales.....	675.00
Affiliation Fees.....	134.00
Sundries.....	12.44
	\$10,765.01
To Cost of Supplies Sold:	
Inventory, March 1, 1937....	\$1,860.24
Purchases.....	557.70
	\$2,417.94
Less Inventory, Feb. 28, 1938.....	1,541.51
	\$ 876.43
To Cost of Regalia Sold.....	596.20
To Office Expenses:	
Salaries.....	\$5,015.10
Rent and Light.....	1,140.00
Telephone and Telegrams.....	144.50
Postage and Express.....	290.15
Janitor Service.....	163.00
Office Supplies.....	158.82
Exchange.....	49.05
General Expense.....	113.42
	\$7,074.04
To Printing.....	1,166.85
Insurance.....	95.50
Research Education Committee Ex-	
pense.....	45.13
Grand Lodge Bulletin.....	188.66
Drought Relief Expense.....	113.51
	1,609.65
To Travelling Expense:	
Grand Masters.....	371.45
Grand Officers.....	210.85
	582.30
To Grand Lodge Expense:	
Annual Communication Expense.....	357.45
Presentation Regalia.....	183.78
	541.23
To Depreciation:	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	203.25
Regalia.....	96.12
	299.37
	11,579.22
Net Loss for the year.....	
	\$ 814.21

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for 12 Months ending February 28th, 1938

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, March 1st, 1937.....	\$ 3,838.63
Receipts from Lodges.....	16,638.42
Donations to Drought Relief Fund.....	834.00

DISBURSEMENTS

By Salaries.....	\$ 5,015.10
Printing.....	1,166.85
Rent.....	1,140.00
Postage and Express.....	290.15
Office Supplies.....	79.29
Janitor Service.....	163.00
Telephone and Telegrams.....	144.50
Insurance.....	95.50
Drought Relief Expense.....	113.51
Research Education Expense.....	45.13
Grand Lodge Bulletin.....	188.66
Exchange.....	56.25
General Expense.....	113.42
	<u>\$ 8,611.36</u>
By Travelling Expense:	
Grand Masters.....	\$ 371.45
Grand Officers.....	210.85
	<u>582.30</u>
By Grand Lodge Expense:	
Annual Communication, Calgary..	357.45
Presentation Regalia.....	183.78
	<u>541.23</u>
By Regalia for Resale.....	596.20
Books and Supplies for Resale.....	557.70
By Transfers:	
Relief Fund.....	\$ 5,309.00
Benevolent Fund.....	144.00
	<u>5,453.00</u>
By Regalia purchased for Officers....	244.43
Donations Drought Relief.....	718.04
By Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	4,006.79
	<u>\$ 21,311.05</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For Year Ended February 28th, 1938

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank, March 1, 1937.....	\$ 478.98	
Affiliation Fees.....	144.00	
Interest on Savings.....	6.82	
By Charges on Bonds.....		\$ 11.00
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		618.80
	<u>\$ 629.80</u>	<u>\$ 629.80</u>

RELIEF FUND

To Balance in Bank, March 1, 1937.....	\$ 4,342.87	
Interest on Bonds.....	5,143.70	
Membership Dues.....	5,309.00	
Receipts from Lodges on Account of		
Beneficiaries.....	450.00	
Interest on Savings.....	18.17	
By Cheques issued to Beneficiaries...		\$12,224.15
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		3,039.59
	<u>\$15,263.74</u>	<u>\$15,263.74</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

February 28th, 1938

<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Interest Received</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
October 15th, 1943	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 20.49
October 15th, 1944	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	100.00	100.00	6.75	1.68
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1 975.00	90.00	29.59
November 1st 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	8,000.00	7,851.25	360.00	118.35
November 1st 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,500.00	1,507.50	67.50	22.18
November 1st 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	493.25	22.50	7.39
November 1st 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,500.00	1,566.00	67.50	22.18
November 1st 1959	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	1,000.00	1,086.00	45.00	14.79
June 1st 1955	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	491.88	15.00	4.93
		\$ 16,200.00	\$ 16,140.88	\$ 756.75	\$ 241.58
Province of Alberta:					
January 1st 1948	5 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00		\$ 1,080.82
October 15th 1954	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	13,000.00	12,545.00		1,096.27
September 1st 1955	5 %	23,000.00	21,390.00		2,300.00
October 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,062.50		430.58
October 1st, 1958	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,787.60		172.23
May 1st, 1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	3,912.50		430.58
June 1st, 1967	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	24,000.00	23,734.70		1,887.78
May 1st, 1960	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	500.00	480.00		43.05
September 1st, 1955	5 %	38,500.00	37,710.75		3,850.00
		\$121,000.00	\$115,923.05		\$11,291.31
City of Calgary:					
June 2nd, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 385.00	\$ 92.82
June 15th, 1945	5 %	2,000.00	1,990.00	100.00	20.54
March 12th, 1945	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,000.00	1,380.00	90.00	41.67
December 1st, 1951	6 %	1,000.00	805.00	60.00	14.63
June 2nd, 1944	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	4,137.50	275.00	66.30
March 31st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	4,000.00	3,580.00	330.00	91.01
January 1st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	10,000.00	9,075.00	550.00	88.90
January 1st, 1954	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	9,000.00	8,302.50	495.00	80.01
		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,870.00	\$2,285.00	\$ 495.88
City of Edmonton:					
February 1st, 1967	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 19 000.00	\$ 19,098.00	\$1,314.45	\$ 65.57
Total Bonds.....		\$196,200.00	\$186,031.93	\$5,143.70	\$12,094.34

RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada:					
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 225.00	\$ 69.86
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	34.93
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,040.00	225.00	69.86
November 1st, 1956	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	69.86
		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,931.25	\$ 787.50	\$ 244.51

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. S. Lambert (3), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report, be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Edmonton, June 8, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report on its work for the past Masonic year, as follows:

1. Two circular letters were sent out, one in October and one in February, the latter being published in the Grand Lodge Bulletin.
2. Sixty-one letters written and received.
3. Thirty-eight Masonic addresses furnished to lodges.
4. Fourteen Masonic plays furnished to lodges.
5. Six articles sent to the Grand Lodge Bulletin.
6. A subscription for one year was sent to the *Masonic Sun*.

The demand for material from the committee has not been as great as it was hoped it might be. However, from information received it is evident that in many lodges a vigorous program of Research and Education has been carried on. In many cases local material and talent have been used. This is as it should be and your committee urge its continuation and development.

The report of the Grand Librarian is as follows:

"M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"As Grand Librarian, I beg to submit the following report.

"Since the last Annual Communication no books have been purchased for the Grand Lodge Library, but we have received and acknowledged the Proceedings for 1937 of all Grand Lodges with which we are in correspondence and to which we send copies of our own Proceedings. Most of these will be reviewed for our own 1938 Proceedings.

"Some forty volumes from the circulating library have been sent out from time to time on loan to brethren, through their lodges, and nineteen of these have not yet been returned. There always seems to be a difficulty about returning books and I would again point out the necessity for holding the lodge responsible for books borrowed by its members.

"One set of the British Masonic Miscellany was purchased this year by a lodge, while the demand for "The Master's Book" by Claudy

has continued. I had to order a further supply of these, a few of which are in stock and available for the lodges.

"We should acknowledge with appreciation the gift of a leather-bound volume of "The Masonic Vocal Manual" from R. W. Bro. A. T. Stephenson, P.D.D.G.M. and P.M. of Red Deer Lodge No. 12. This book is a collection of Masonic songs, compiled and published by W. Bro. Wm. Garforth, P.M., in England in 1852.

"The space in our library shelves is becoming very limited and shortly Grand Lodge should consider necessary expansion, if the Annual Proceedings are to be preserved.

"Fraternally submitted,

"J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

"Grand Librarian."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your committee recommends as follows:

1. That the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, as at present constituted, be discontinued.
2. That the work formerly carried on by the committee be merged with that of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.
3. That the Grand Lodge Bulletin be printed and enlarged.
4. That the Grand Lodge vote a subsidy and that a regular issue of 2,000 copies be printed and distributed pro rata for free distribution in each lodge, according to its membership.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. WEST,

Chairman.

The matter of printing extra copies of the Bulletin for free distribution was discussed, when it was moved in amendment, by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by V. W. Bro. F. W. Heath (91), "That the numbers of Bulletin printed be sufficient to supply each lodge with three copies, and one copy to each Grand Officer and member of the Board of General Purposes, as in the past, and that additional copies be sent out on subscriptions through the Secretary of the lodge." Carried.

It was then resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. West (7), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education as amended be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:40 o'clock p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

An excellent Banquet was served in the Central Masonic Temple. R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, J.G.W., as Toastmaster, had charge of the programme, which was greatly enjoyed by over 400 brethren. The speeches were interspersed by community singing, led with much spirit by Bro. E. McGarvey and solos by Bros. Dr. K. N. Neatby and W. T. Crumb, also a musical monologue by Bro. W. G. Stillman. The accompanist was Bro. S. S. Stevens.

The M. W. the Grand Master spoke in reply to the toast to himself and his Grand Officers, paying tribute to the support he and they had received from all lodges and members in administering the affairs of Grand Lodge, and pointed to the great opportunities for Masonry that existed at the present time for raising the general standard in their communities by exemplifying in themselves the basic ideals of the Craft.

The guest speaker of the evening was His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, who received a wonderful reception when he rose to speak. His address, which is printed herewith, was followed with the closest attention by all present, the ideals and sentiments he expressed meeting with hearty applause.

The brethren dispersed after singing "Auld Lang Syne," feeling they had spent a very pleasant and profitable evening.

ADDRESS

"FREEDOM"

by

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. BOWEN
Given at the Banquet held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton,
Wednesday evening, the 8th of June, 1938, in connection
with the Annual Communication of the Grand
Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Bro. Toastmaster, Most Worshipful Sir, and Brethren:

I thank you very heartily and most sincerely for your very stirring welcome to me tonight. I couple this evening's welcome with that very fine and impressive demonstration of this morning. I look upon it as one of the most outstanding events in my history—something that leaves such an impression, that words can hardly be gathered to frame my sense of appreciation. Let me say to you most sincerely that I thank you very very deeply for your very splendid greeting. There are two reasons why I am on the programme tonight—the first is because the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge requested me to come to this banquet and to speak, and the second reason is that I wanted to come. (APPLAUSE).

I have chosen to speak to you on the subject of "Freedom." Someone may say to me, Well, Why discuss a subject such as that, when

perhaps none of us here have known anything else but personal liberty, and the full rights and privileges of citizenship? Surely it is like "bringing coals to Newcastle!" Well, that is true—that is quite true. The charge in that respect stands justified, by the facts of history, yet I feel that probably to us who have known the utmost of Freedom, and to those of us who belong to this Craft and enjoy its privileges, that notwithstanding that fact that it might be well to consider this subject tonight, so I have made bold to choose as the theme of my address Freedom.

Thomas Mann, the author who is quite well known in these days, has said that he thought the time had come when Freedom should learn the art of self-defence. Dr Mann is one who had to forfeit his Freedom in his own country and is an exile. He knows what it means to have enjoyed it once, but knows what it means now not to be privileged to enjoy it in his native land, so he says to us, in a recent statement, that it is time Freedom learned the art of self-defence. What is this Freedom of which we boast—this intangible thing that becomes at one and the same time the cornerstone of Democracy—this Freedom by which we are able to gather tonight in a meeting like this, in good fellowship without the fear of being molested; this Freedom that we enjoy as citizens—this full exercise of our rights and liberties and our privileges; this Freedom which makes it possible for us to think, to use our knowledge and to express our opinions without the fear of oppression. That is the thing I want to talk of tonight.

It comes to us through a long and slow and somewhat painful history. It comes to us through the British Empire of which we in Canada are a member nation of that great Commonwealth of nations that makes up the British Empire. It came to us out of a lot of struggle; out of painful difficulties, and step by step it has come unfolding its significance to the citizen. Fundamental yet intangible as Freedom is; it is, as I have said, the cornerstone of our Democracy.

It is strange that after I had decided on the subject on which I should speak to you, I discovered we are celebrating this week the 723rd Anniversary of Runnymede, the signing of Magna Carta by King John. Some may say that the barons, for their own advantage, forced the King to their terms, but it also meant a greater Freedom for the people and it was the beginning of the development of the great democratic principle of the United Kingdom. The granting 723 years ago of a larger Freedom to the British People is significant to us tonight as we gather here and as we ask ourselves what is implied in this thing that we call Freedom—what is it?

Well, first of all it is the recognition of the right of the citizen to his opinion, the right to exercise his privileges under the constitution as a good citizen. The larger interpretation of the individual's Freedom is found in the Bill of Rights, through which, Parliament and through law, the people are made participants in the affairs of the state, have the right to choose their representatives, and are free citizens under the law.

We may trace through all the history, and every step of the way in the history of that great Empire of which we are a part—Freedom unfolding like a flower, ever more beautiful, ever giving larger understanding and privileges to the citizens, ever declaring the rights of the individual as against the state. The Bill of Rights and all Acts of Parliament were to make that thing sure to the individual. Let me

say to you tonight that in Europe and in certain parts of the world that personal liberty does not exist as we know it. There are many who belong to the Fraternity we belong to, who are not able to gather as we gather tonight, who have not the Freedom we enjoy. Nowhere else in all the world except in that part which comprises one quarter of the earth's surface representing over one quarter of the population of the world is there the same Freedom as where the British Flag flies. The citizen there has his liberty and may gather as we gather tonight. (APPLAUSE).

It is well that we review these things and get an understanding of the historic place of this thing we enjoy so freely, and of all that it means to us. We think of the larger Freedom granted through religious toleration; we think of the disabilities removed from the Catholic and the Jew; we think of trial by jury; all these things combined to make more definite, more sure to the citizen, his right and his freedom under the British Flag and under British Democracy. How are we, if we are to do as Thomas Mann has suggested defend our Freedom, "How is Freedom to learn the art of self-defence?" Not by some of the measures that might be suggested, not by force,—force is tyranny; but by understanding and appreciation. In no other way can Freedom successfully defend itself. There is no surer source of defence than the individual, and the fact that within his heart he longs to be free, that he breathes the air of freedom, and that he will not surrender his Freedom. You remember in your history that the Scottish Lords and Commons sent a manifesto to the Pope in the 14th Century. They said, "We fight not for glory, nor for wealth, nor for honor, but for that liberty which no good man will surrender except with his life." So I say that is the means—and by that spirit only may Freedom learn the art of self-defence. It came across first to this continent with the Pilgrim Fathers, who came to a new land to enjoy what they hoped to be the larger Freedom and a greater religious liberty. That spirit of Freedom was in their hearts and rather than submit to the dictates of powers or of potentates they crossed the Atlantic to found a new world, and a new kingdom under Freedom's Flag.

The first conflict we find within ourselves when we think of our Freedom, and think of world conditions today is the conflict of Freedom with the tyranny of the totalitarian state—the tyranny of Dictatorship—the conflict begins immediately. We hear a great deal these days about Democracy that it must recede before the onward march of the idea of the totalitarian state, that Democracy cannot withstand forces against it. My friends, we have been born and bred in Freedom. To us who live under a flag that has given us our liberty and protects and guarantees to us, our Freedom, it seems to be impossible to conceive that we in this great country of ours, we that are free citizens, will ever surrender our right to that cherished treasure, or submit, to any power or to any Dictator. (APPLAUSE).

I think Thomas Mann is right, however—so far right that I have chosen to say what I am saying tonight on this subject, that at least we ought to consider our responsibility to foster and to promote the spirit of Freedom. We ought to consider whether it is necessary for us to think in terms of being ready to defend it against the onward pressure of the spirit of Dictatorships. The French Revolution grew out of the tyranny, and injustice and force and unreality. It was the protest of the people against oppression. The American war was a protest against the right of the citizen to be taxed without a voice in the spending of the taxes. The greatest instrument today for the defence of Freedom

is the consciousness of Justice—that thing in our constitution that provides equality before the law for every citizen, that which in our Democratic set-up, apart from our right as citizens in the choice of our Governments, that one great fundamental principle of justice. (APPLAUSE) Justice is the instrument of Freedom, and wherever justice is allowed untrammelled sway, that right may be done through law, then Freedom is on the highway to defend itself. When tyranny and injustice raises its subtle head it strikes immediately at that fundamental thing in the foundation of Democracy—it raises its head to strike at Freedom. It was the spirit of oppression that caused the Puritan uprising in England—it was the revolt of the people against tyranny and injustice. It was the spirit of Freedom that motivated Abraham Lincoln and those associated with him in the United States to free the slaves. One cannot conceive of the Declaration of Freedom on the one hand and slavery existing on the other. There was only one alternative and that was to rise and abolish slavery. The voice of the people declared for Freedom and it was won by pain and blood. I say to you tonight that we should see to it that justice is always done. We are proud of the administration of law and justice in our country. So long as we remain a free people we shall insist that justice shall be the fundamental instrument of Freedom, and the operation of Freedom in our civilization.

Then let me suggest that with the spirit of justice there must be linked the spirit of toleration. Today in England, we see a very great demonstration of that spirit of self-control and toleration. There are those who say it is time we should assert ourselves, but I want to ask you tonight in all confidence, where would we end by armed assertion against the tyranny in Europe? What would the result be? I think Mr. Chamberlain is to be commended in his policy of toleration. In his policy of patience he is showing the world that the home of Freedom and of Democracy in Europe is in Great Britain and associated with her the great family of nations composing the British Empire, that united they stand for tolerance and understanding. I think we are today happy in the fact, as we have been in the past, that at Westminster we have leaders who have borne heavy burdens with a great deal of patience, in order to demonstrate to the world that a tolerant spirit, an honourable course, a peaceful method, is the only way of settling all difficulties. That might can never decide the issue of Freedom. That force can never make a man surrender that which is given to him, and that which he enjoys—his personal liberty.

If we think back a bit most of us will agree that the Treaty of Versailles was probably altogether a mistake. What could be expected after that terrible world conflict from the men that gathered around the table to draw that Treaty? Most of them had been in the heat of it—Clemenceau, the Tiger of France, still smarting under the wounds of the invasion of 1872, still fuming more keenly over the terrific pressure of 1914-1918, could hardly be expected to be tolerant in his attitude. President Wilson, that great dreamer from this continent with his ideals of Freedom—splendid ideals—but Freedom in the hands and the minds of those who have not known its value is a dangerous instrument. Today those States of Europe have become places of great concern, and danger spots in the world's life because they weren't ready for Mr. Wilson's declaration of self-determination and Freedom. Probably that little State of Czechoslovakia, facing as she does today the tyranny and the threats of a strong nation ready to force her will upon a weaker nation, is the one country that through its great leader established the principle of Democracy and is in Central Europe today the one country that became a Democracy after the close of the war.

These things make us, I hope, sensible to what it means to live in a free country, sensible of our privileges as a member of that great family of nations composing the British Empire. It makes us proud of our Freedom, proud of our citizenship, proud of the place that we take in world affairs because we are a free and independent people.

I hope that we tonight in this hall—and you who gathered this morning, and will gather again tomorrow, you who belong to this great Craft—will feel in your hearts and in your lives a great pride in this Canada of ours. By voice and by influence we shall see to it that the great structure of Confederation, now only seventy years of age, may continue, and that Canada in the full enjoyment of her freedom may press onward and ever onward to fill her place in the world's history. By her influence she may help to bring about a spirit of goodwill in the world; that the spirit of Freedom we enjoy and the great sense of right, and of justice, and of toleration may become the heritage of all nations.

We sang this morning—we sing it often—

Oh Canada! Our home our native
land;
True patriot love in all thy sons
command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The true north strong and free
And stand on guard, Oh Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
Oh Canada! glorious and free.
Oh Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

(APPLAUSE).

Second Day = = = Morning Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:05 o'clock a.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Edmonton, June 8, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry submits for your consideration the following report.

For the purpose of this report, your Committee must depend for information upon the reports of the various D.D.G.M.'s and the Secretaries of the lodges.

Unfortunately for a few lodges financial and other statements are completely lacking. In the case of a few others, they are incomplete and lacking in the necessary details. However this number is not large enough to affect seriously the completeness of the picture given by the report.

In general we commend the D.D.G.M.'s for the comprehensiveness and accuracy of their reports, which show that they were active, zealous and conscientious in the performance of the duties of their office.

MEMBERSHIP

Once again it is regrettably necessary to report a decrease in membership in the jurisdiction. The total membership shown at December 31st, 1937, by the Grand Secretary's report is 11,058 as compared with 11,367 at December 31st, 1936. The membership figures for the past year are nevertheless very encouraging.

The gross total increase for 1937 was 466 as compared with 337 for 1936.

Initiations increased from	180 to 205
Affiliations " "	113 to 143
Restorations " "	44 to 118

The gross total decrease for 1937 was 775 as compared with 1,119 for 1936.

Suspended for N.P.D. from	653 to 321
Dimitted " "	318 to 305
Died " "	147 to 148
U.M.C. " "	1

making a net loss for 1937 of 309 as compared with the net loss of 782 for 1936.

It is a pleasure to record that a number of lodges show a net increase in membership and it is gratifying to note that over the considerable areas seriously affected by drought conditions nearly all lodges are carrying on vigorously and maintaining excellent morale.

A review of the above statistics suggests that membership has reached something close to a rock bottom figure, and with the return of anything resembling normal conditions a real upward trend may be confidently expected.

ATTENDANCE

The impression gathered from the perusal of the D.D.G.M.'s reports is that on the whole, attendance has been well maintained and that in particular there has been throughout the year a great deal of fraternal visitation among the lodges of the jurisdiction. This is a practice much to be commended, and there are repeated references throughout the reports to the inspiration afforded by the presence of visiting brethren on many occasions.

Since D.D.G.M.'s follow different practices in recording attendance figures, it is not possible to give an accurate statistical summary. It is suggested that the incoming Grand Master advise the new D.D.G.M.'s that a uniform method be used in recording statistical information. Your Committee would recommend that actual attendance figures be reported rather than percentages.

WORK

There has been a substantial increase in the number of degrees conferred. The figures for 1937 being 606 as compared with 542 for 1936, an increase of 64. This is another indication of the return of a more healthy condition.

A considerable number of lodges still report no candidates. However the D.D.G.M.'s state that in almost all lodges, practice in the degree work is being conscientiously carried on and the proficiency of the majority of officers is repeatedly commented upon.

One gratifying feature of nearly all the reports is the reference to activity in the work of Masonic Education. There are particular and numerous references to the wide use of the Grand Lodge Bulletin. This publication is much appreciated and is meeting a real need.

Social activities of the various lodges are being well maintained. These valuable opportunities for cultivating fraternal relationships are of the utmost importance and your Committee commend their use.

In addition to showing proficiency in the work of the ritual some lodges excel in the presentation of programs marking notable anniversaries both relating to their own histories, such as the 50th and 25th anniversaries of their lodges as well as Burns' Night, Canadian Night, Empire Night, Returned Men's Night, the festival of St. David, St. George, St. Patrick, St. Andrew, etc. Such celebrations make it possible to utilize the talent of qualified and distinguished brethren for the service of the Craft and the promotion of educational and fraternal activities.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Perusal of the D.D.G.M.'s reports creates a decided impression that there has been during the last year a notable improvement in the quality and usefulness of the District Meetings.

A large amount of careful and conscientious work has been done by the D.D.G.M.'s and other brethren to make sure that the various programs of the District Meetings were worthwhile. There are repeated references to the contributions of the visiting Grand Lodge officers, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and the Custodians of the Work. The policy of a short period of instruction and suggestions for the incoming D.D.G.M.'s has produced excellent results.

Your Committee would suggest that this practice be continued. There is no doubt that the District Meetings can be made progressively more valuable for the promotion of the best interests of the Craft.

LODGE FINANCES

An examination of the financial returns made on the form supplied by the office of the Grand Secretary indicates that this innovation was a wise and valuable one. Only 8 lodges in the whole jurisdiction neglected to send in financial statements.

The totals compiled from the information available are impressive, as showing the financial stake held by the Craft in Alberta:

Cash on hand and in banks.....	\$ 54,523.41
Dues unpaid.....	35,564.45
Investments.....	189,564.28
Buildings and real estate.....	171,018.86
Furniture and equipment.....	70,638.74

Exclusive of investments privately held by members in the various Masonic properties, the Craft shows a net worth of \$506,894.39.

The total amount of insurance in force on Masonic properties is \$212,915.00.

Your Committee are gratified to present for the first time this statistical information, which should be a source of inspiration and confidence. It is suggested that the compilation of this kind of material be continued.

On the whole the lodges throughout the jurisdiction seem to be holding their own financially in spite of the fact that serious drought conditions prevailed over a large part of the province.

Amalgamation:

The D.D.G.M. of District No. 9 reports that an amalgamation has been effected between Donalda Lodge No. 150, Donalda, and Apollo Lodge No 27, Stettler. This amalgamation is working out satisfactorily and happily for all concerned.

Fire:

The D.D.G.M. of District No. 2 reports that a fire destroyed the Masonic Hall of Bassano Lodge No. 55 on May 14th, 1938. Not having made any official visit and not having received any of the official reports from the Secretary of the lodge, he is unable to give any particulars in regard to same.

New Masonic Home:

Vermilion Lodge No. 24, Vermilion, District No 10, is to be congratulated on the completion of a new Masonic Hall. The laying of the corner stone of this edifice was conducted by the Deputy Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officials from Edmonton.

Golden Jubilee:

One of the interesting highlights of the official year of the D.D.G.M. of District No 7 was the golden jubilee celebration of North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officials, as well as a large number of visitors, were present on this occasion.

CHARITY

The past year has been a very notable one on account of the widespread and generous response to the call of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for assistance from lodges situated in the more fortunate areas to those located in the distressed regions. Perusal of the D.D.-G.M.'s reports shows that vegetables, food and clothing to the extent of many carloads were collected and sent to indicated destinations where they were most needed. On the other hand, some D.D.G.M.'s reports refer to the gratitude and appreciation with which these expressions of Masonic charity were received at the various destinations. Probably never before in the history of the Craft in Alberta has there been such a demonstration of unity and brotherhood between the more fortunate and the less happily situated than that displayed during the year just closed. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master is to be congratulated for his vision in promoting this work.

SUSPENSIONS AND ARREARS OF DUES

Under this heading the following statistics are of interest:

	1935	1936	1937
Suspensions.....	294	645	325
Arrears of Dues	\$64,142.00	\$32,494.00	\$30,759.00
Percentage of Membership in			
Arrears.....	35.5%	28%	27%
Per Capita Arrearage.....	\$5.28	\$2.86	\$2.78

The above statement shows that steady progress is being made in reducing arrearages of dues. No doubt the provisions of the new Constitution, though harsh, are producing the desired result in purging the Craft of those members who have been a source of weakness because of inability or unwillingness to meet their obligations.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF D.D.G.M.'s

The following recommendations are found in the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s. They are included in this report for the information of Grand Lodge, but are not endorsed by your Committee.

1. D.D.G.M. No. 1:

That the letter in the front of the book issued by Grand Lodge entitled "Lodge Plan of Masonic Education" be attached to all application forms sent to lodge secretaries. In this way all applicants will then

read it, whether the lodge uses the book or not and in my opinion such practice will prove of much value to applicants.

2. D.D.G.M. No. 4:

(a) That before a member is suspended for N.P.D. as much thought and investigation be given to his case as was given when he was at first admitted to the Order. After all, when a candidate has taken his three obligations at the altar, he cannot be divorced from the Masonic ideals by man made laws.

(b) No Mason who has absented himself, unless unavoidably, from lodge for six consecutive months or more, previous to voting on a candidate, be allowed to ballot.

(c) That Grand Lodge Officers and the three Senior Officers in the subordinate lodges be elected for a term of two years.

(d) That, wherever practicable, joint Installations be held in the weaker lodges. New life will be given to the dying embers and often a Masonic flame may thereby start.

3. D.D.G.M. No. 11:

(a) That a short school be held for instruction for the incoming D.D.G.M.'s.

(b) That a small ritual be printed and included with the Installation Ceremony in it, and that same be placed with the officer's regalia. The new Constitution does not contain this Ceremony. It is a custom in this district for this to be given from memory and the D.D.G.M. should have a copy of his own.

4. D.D.G.M. No. 16:

That more modern cash books be provided for the use of the secretaries and treasurers.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee would recommend the following:

That all lodges be urged to have the Historical Register written up to date and that emphasis be laid upon the necessity of having a skilled and experienced brother, preferably a Past Master, rather than a junior member, as registrar.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee unanimously recommends that in recognition of the services given by the D.D.G.M.'s to the brethren of their respective districts and to Grand Lodge, the rank of R. W. Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon the following:

District No. 1.....	R. W. Bro. L. Stewart Irvine (134)
District No. 2.....	R. W. Bro. John A. Bell (35)
District No. 3.....	R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)
District No. 4.....	R. W. Bro. J. Lester Clarke (21)
District No. 5.....	R. W. Bro. Hans Farvolden (128)
District No. 6.....	R. W. Bro. Archibald S. Dick (19)
District No. 7.....	R. W. Bro. Alex Stewart (31)

District No. 8.... R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86)
 District No. 9..... R. W. Bro. Andrew Scotland (27)
 District No. 10..... R. W. Bro. Ross S. Sheppard (11)
 District No. 11..... R. W. Bro. Earl D. Martin (136)
 District No. 12..... R. W. Bro. Frederick C. Casselman (14)
 District No. 13. R. W. Bro. Chas. A. Walker (88)
 District No. 14..... R. W. Bro. Stanley E. C. Argue (78)
 District No. 15. R. W. Bro. Le Roy W. Bond (137)
 District No. 16. R. W. Bro. Chas. R. Walrod (123)
 District No. 17 R. W. Bro. Conrad T. Lally (44)
 All of which is fraternally submitted.

A. WEST,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. West (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

The M. W. the Grand Master pointed out that very definitely the recommendations of the D.D.G.M.'s, as quoted in the report, were not endorsed by the committee, and did not become regulations of Grand Lodge on the adoption of the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Edmonton, June 9, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We beg to report that no matter has been referred to us for an opinion.

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35). "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Edmonton, June 8, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We beg to say that the Grand Secretary's report has been referred to and read by us.

It is a pleasure to inform Grand Lodge that the duties of Grand Secretary, multitudinous and exacting in detail, have been discharged

in the usual splendidly efficient manner. The combined duties of Custodian of the Work, as Grand Secretary carrying on all the correspondence of Grand Lodge, and acting as Secretary of many important Grand Lodge committees, makes tremendous demands upon the time and energy of our Grand Secretary, particularly so the attention required to the thousand and one details of preparing for the Grand Lodge communication and the subsequent compilation of the Proceedings and their printing. Our Grand Secretary has very wisely given a brief outline of the work of his office. For the better appreciation on the part of the members of the Craft at large of just what is going on in the Grand Lodge office, we recommend that that portion of the report dealing with the work of the office be read in all lodges.

We note that the net decrease in membership is 309, as compared with 782 one year ago. This is due in part to the coming into force of the provisions of the new Constitution one year ago, which to some extent cleared away dead wood, and also the pleasing experience of lodges once more having work upon the trestle board. A slight increase in affiliations points to lodges the desirability of returning to the fold those most desirable brethren who have found it necessary to temporarily sever their connection with the Craft. M. W. Bro. Kemmis truly evaluates numbers in Masonry, when he says that they "do not constitute in the main, either success or prosperity, which is borne out by our present position."

We are pleased to find that the good offices of our Grand Secretary were of service to a neighboring jurisdiction when he was present at the constitution and consecration of Peace Lodge No. 126, G.R., B.C., in the village of Dawson Creek, B.C., last August.

Fraternally submitted,

V. H. MACAULAY,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, June 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

One case has been referred to this committee, **No. 18:**

A member having been charged with misappropriation of funds of his lodge was tried by the lodge, was found guilty and was sentenced to indefinite suspension.

The report of the proceedings furnished by the lodge is so incomplete and in some respects unsatisfactory that your committee is unable to concur in the sentence imposed, and indeed unable to agree that the finding of the lodge is correct. The committee overlook the question

which might arise, that the matter did not come properly before the lodge.

The real difficulty, however, lies in the fact that the lodge did not furnish a copy of the evidence, but contented itself by sending in the barest possible summary, which almost leads the committee to believe that in fact no evidence was taken.

Pursuant to the rules respecting trials for Masonic offenses, the committee direct that the lodge be requested to furnish to Grand Lodge the fullest possible detail of all the proceedings, and, in particular, that a complete transcript of the evidence be sent to Grand Lodge.

That the case be remitted for further consideration to next year's committee, and that in the meantime the accused stand indefinitely suspended.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Edmonton, June 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Once again it is our privilege to submit for your consideration and approval the report of your Board of Benevolence for the past year.

The Board held eleven regular meetings, usually on the third Wednesday of each month, when all matters were given due consideration. Petitions were received from ten lodges requesting assistance for their brethren or their dependents and in all cases prompt and effective aid was rendered. During the year five of our beneficiaries passed away.

Each month there goes forth from the Grand Lodge office some fifty cheques to lodges, Boards of Relief or brethren in charge of cases, representing some sixty-six beneficiaries of Grand Lodge with their dependents. Of this number assistance is rendered by the lodge in forty-five cases and your Board is required to accept full responsibility in twenty-one cases. The filing of Financial Statements by the lodges furnishes a good index to the Board of the ability of the lodge to contribute. It should always be borne in mind that contributions from the Grand Lodge funds are supplementary to that of the lodge, but where the lodge is not able to bear the heavy burden, your Board is prepared to assume the full cost. The amount of money spent by the Board on account of relief during the past year was \$11,774.15, or approximately \$1,000.00 per month.

At least once in every year each case is reviewed and investigated and when it is found that conditions warrant it, the grants are either reduced or discontinued, when in order to avoid undue hardship notice is given to the beneficiary of the intention to reduce or suspend further payments.

There is a great tendency for a beneficiary to look upon the monthly grants received from Grand Lodge as a permanent "Pension Fund," of which they are entitled by some inherent right. That such is not the case must be impressed upon the recipients, and to that end closer contact may be necessary. Such facilities as are at our command are utilised to investigate each case, but it may become necessary to extend these inquiries by requesting the beneficiary to furnish information as to his or her condition, as may be desired, on a special form, such form to clearly state that grants are made at the will and pleasure of the Board of Benevolence.

It cannot be too forcibly emphasized that all avenues of Governmental assistance should be utilised before making application for a grant from Grand Lodge funds. In this day and age no stigma attaches to the recipient of a Municipal grant, and in the case of one petition received requesting a grant for a brother, it was refused because it would have had the effect of relieving the Municipality of its responsibility. Many cases are brought to our attention where the beneficiary cannot qualify for Governmental assistance and when such is the case your Board will always endeavor to meet the requirements. Likewise when Governmental grants are insufficient to meet the necessities of life, augmented assistance has been rendered by your Board. The granting of pensions by the Government to those afflicted with blindness will enable us to reduce our grants in such cases.

Your Board consider it a privilege to be able to be of assistance in cases where young lives are harassed by disease, which can be cured under proper conditions, and where the parents are not in the financial position to stand the long strain necessary to effect a cure. In the report of last year mention was made of such a case, which we regret to say has been a long and tedious one. It does not seem that an early recovery is possible, the last report being to the effect that the patient is still a very sick boy and a long time may elapse before improvement and eventual cure can be made. Recently another case of a similar nature was brought to our attention, but only after the parents had exhausted their resources during eight years of periodical treatment. This may have to undergo treatment for perhaps three years more. It is in such cases as these that your invested fund, yielding constant and regular interest returns, has proved its worth. In no other way could the Masons of Alberta have provided for such assistance over a long period of years.

The Board would like very much indeed to record an outstanding and truly Masonic action by the members of a lodge in this jurisdiction, even at the risk of censure by that lodge, they being anxious that the recipient of their brotherly act should know nothing of it. Briefly the facts are: A brother member became stricken with a disease from which he had suffered for years, to such an extent that he had to go to hospital and undergo an operation. The cost would be far beyond his ability and the lodge members, at very considerable sacrifice to themselves, saw to it that these expenses were met and only applied to the Board for assistance when they found they could not carry it all. The good brothers did not wait to find out what sources could be attached, but knowing the need, dipped deep into their own pockets at once and felt they had their reward when their brother returned restored to health.

The Board desire to express their thanks and appreciation to the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. Hartman, for his regular attendance at our meetings, his professional experience being of the greatest assistance in enabling us to treat each case in its proper perspective.

We would also express our thanks to the brethren of other jurisdictions who contribute so freely of their time in interesting themselves in cases on our behalf and of the excellent services rendered, which we greatly appreciate.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,
President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), "That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

March 1st, 1937, to February 28th, 1938.

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$120.00	Mrs. M. M. H.	240 00
Mrs. E. P. A.	300.00	Mrs. A. H.	135.00
Mrs. W. A. A.	180 00	Mrs. M. J. H.	60.00
Mrs. C. C. B.	90 00	Mrs. S. H.	135.00
Mrs. S. E. B.	233.27	Mrs. S. J.	360.00
Mrs. C. B.	60.00	Mrs. W. J.	160.00
Mrs. G. B.	73.25	Mrs. O. M. K.	85.00
Miss M. B.	307.02	Miss L. L.	38.19
Mrs. E. K. B.	220.00	Mrs. I. M.	36.00
Bro. L. D. B.	126.00	Mrs. K. R. M.	180.00
Mrs. C. C.	185.00	Mrs. L. E. M.	110.00
Mrs. C. C.	168.50	Mrs. A. M.	185.00
Bro. H. T. C.	120.00	Bro. H. E. M.	20.00
C. Family	120.00	Bro. W. A. M.	21.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	130.63	Mrs. E. M.	80.00
Mrs. M. D.	120.00	Mrs. E. McC.	491.16
Mrs. W. D.	90.00	Mrs. E. McC.	190.00
Mrs. H. D.	60.00	Bro. D. McI.	85.00
Bro. F. H. D.	435.00	Bro. C. S. N.	70.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	125.00	Mrs. H. G. N.	60.00
Mrs. W. D.	60.00	Mrs. G. N.	90.00
Mrs. E. D.	120.00	Bro. J. P.	50.00
Bro. E. D.	90.00	Mrs. A. P.	180.00
Mrs. W. E.	60.00	Mrs. M. J. P.	185.00
Bro. C. N. E.	300.00	Bro. R.	45.00
Mrs. A. F.	180.00	Mrs. E. R.	180.00
Mrs. E. J. F.	300.00	Mrs. D. R. R.	120.00
Mrs. L. M. F.	180.00	Mrs. M. A. C. R.	534.53
Mrs. T. W. F.	300.00	Mrs. S. C. S.	340.00
Bro. J. H. F.	125.00	Bro. A. G. S.	300.00
Mrs. W. A. G.	137.50	Mrs. A. S.	30.00
Mrs. R. G.	180.00	Bro. C. S.	50.00

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. E. T. S.....	226.20	Mrs. G. W.....	240.00
Mrs. T. G. S.....	60.00	Sundry Grants.....	290.00
Bro. C. O. S.....	225.90		
Mrs. W. J. T.....	240.00	Total Grants.....	\$12,224.15
Bro. C. V.....	185.00	Less contributions from	
Mrs. E. W.....	65.00	Lodges for their ben-	
Mrs. P. W.....	200.00	eficiaries.....	450.00
Bro. L. S. W.....	50.00		
Mrs. S. W.....	120.00	Total Grants by	
Mrs. W. W.....	90.00	Grand Lodge.....	\$11,774.15
Mrs. A. W.....	90.00		

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Crop prospects in Alberta are brighter this Spring, but the cloud of depression has not yet lifted and at December 31st, 1937, our records show a drop in membership of 308, as a consequence of which there is a loss in revenue from membership fees to the General Fund of \$357.70. It is believed by your committee that this revenue will continue to fall for a few years yet, or until conditions throughout the world become more settled.

The books and accounts have been regularly audited by your auditor, whose report and financial statements will have been distributed to you. Your committee has carefully considered these statements and wish to refer in particular to certain items.

Investments—As will be noted in the Balance Sheet and Statement of Investment Account, there has been no change in the amount of bonds held by Grand Lodge in the Benevolent and Relief Funds. No new bonds were purchased during the year, but City of Edmonton Bonds in the amount of \$19,000.00 were exchanged for new long term bonds under the Fortin Plan, and a similar exchange will be effected covering City of Calgary bonds. Conditions remain the same as last year in regard to the Alberta bond situation and accrued interest is shown in the statements at the full value as on the face of the bonds. During the year the committee considered the advisability of cashing the interest coupons which have been held since July 1st, 1936, at the reduced rate, but as the members were not unanimous the matter was left in abeyance and the situation is being carefully watched in the meantime.

All securities of Grand Lodge have been regularly inspected at the Bank.

Regalia—Three new regalias were purchased during the year for D.D.G.M.'s, to replace worn out suits, and there are many other Grand Officers whose regalia is badly worn and which should be replaced as soon as possible.

Benevolent Capital Account and Relief Fund Surplus Account—These are substantially the same as a year ago, the latter showing a

larger balance, due partly to the fact that this year \$600.00 was not allowed for the General Fund as was done last year.

Revenue Account—The net result of the operations of Grand Lodge as shown by the Revenue Account reveals a loss of \$814.21, and as mentioned by the auditor, the General Fund this year did not receive the \$600.00 allowance from the Relief Fund towards operating expense. Taking this into consideration the loss is a little below that of last year. Extra expenses this year included \$113.51 for the Grand Master's Drought Relief work, which your committee felt was most commendable. Another item which should be mentioned is Insurance—\$95.50, which covers premiums for a period of three years. These extra expenses are offset by a decrease in certain other expenses, but as previously mentioned the general revenue is down and we would point out that as the revenue of Grand Lodge will in all probability show a further decrease, it will be incumbent on all committees to watch expenses very closely in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the contract for printing the Annual Proceedings be awarded to the Albertan Job Press, Calgary, at the same quotation as last year.

We recommend that authority be continued for the purchase of three sets of new regalia for replacement of worn out regalia of Grand Officers.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 and his travelling expenses for his service at this communication of Grand Lodge.

It is recommended that the application of the levy of 50c per capita, payable to the Capital Benevolent Fund, be suspended for the Masonic year ending December 31st, 1938.

Decrease in general revenue is again noted, and in order to alleviate the situation to some extent, inasmuch as approximately one-fifth of the time of the office staff of Grand Lodge is expended in the work of Benevolence, we recommend that an allowance be made from the Relief Fund not exceeding \$1,000.00 for year ending February 28th, 1939.

The question of General Revenue has been discussed with the Grand Master, who from his experience points out that the efficiency of Grand Lodge is to some extent hampered and its activities curtailed by reduced revenue, this being particularly true in cases where the smaller and struggling lodges require the personal attention of the Grand Master. We therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a special committee to review the financial status of Grand Lodge and if necessary to bring in a notice of motion to implement their findings at the next Annual Communication.

Bi-Centenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Halifax—We recommend that a grant of \$250.00 be authorized to enable the incoming Grand Master to attend this celebration at Halifax, and also to

attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, which will follow the meeting at Halifax, and that the sum of \$300.00 be authorized to provide for the entertainment of the Deputations from British Grand Lodges, who are visiting the Grand Lodges of the Dominion this summer.

This report is being presented on behalf of your Chairman, R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming, who, owing to the fact that business engagements compel his absence from the jurisdiction, regrets his inability to be present at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE F. ELLIS,

Acting Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), seconded by R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

The matter of the Alberta Bonds, mentioned in the above report was thoroughly discussed, when it was resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), "That this Grand Lodge instructs the Finance Committee to cash the coupons of the Alberta Bonds, which have been held up to date."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FIFTY-YEAR JEWEL

Edmonton, June 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the Immediate Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Macaulay, that this Grand Lodge adopt the principle of presenting jewels to mark long attachment of brethren to the Craft, and which recommendation was approved by Grand Lodge following upon its acceptance by the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, begs to report progress. In referring the matter to this committee the Grand Master suggested that consideration be given to the following points:

1. The qualifications a member should have to be eligible.
2. The necessity of endorsement by the lodge to which he belongs.
3. Recommendation for a design for the Jewel.

The question of qualification represents some difficulty for although the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed 33 years ago, there are lodges in the Province which have been in existence for 54 years.

Is eligibility to depend upon 50 years (or some such period) consecutive dues paying membership in a lodge in this jurisdiction?

Is the question of payment of dues for 50 years to be the sole criterion?

Should quality and nature of Masonic service be considered?

Should life membership disqualify? One who has purchased life membership is presumed to have commuted his annual dues into a lump sum and yet may have continued to give faithful efficient and valuable service to the fraternity.

Life membership and honorary memberships have been conferred upon brethren by their lodges *Honoraris Causa*. Should such a distinction constitute a bar to eligibility for the 50 year jewel?

Is eligibility to be affected by the fact that a brother who is worthy of all honour has paid dues for 20 years in Ontario or elsewhere and 30 years in Alberta?

If payment of dues in a lodge in Alberta for 50 years is to be a *sine qua non* then why should not the proper limitation be 50 years payment of dues to a lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge?

These are some of the question which must be decided in connection with the question of eligibility, and your committee has not had the time to discuss them adequately or to arrive at a definite conclusion thereon.

The committee is of the opinion that once the principle of eligibility has been settled by Grand Lodge the final decision must be left with the individual lodges and that awards should only be made upon motion duly passed in open lodge after due notice.

The committee is unable to make any report upon the design of the proposed jewel.

The committee therefore, suggests that this interim report be received, discussed, and that the committee be continued, to report at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. BLACKSTOCK,
JOHN MARTLAND,
V. H. MACAULAY,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35), seconded by M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59) "That the report of the Special Committee on the Fifty-Year Jewel be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Edmonton, June 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee reports that out of considerable fraternal correspondence received during the year, but little requires definite action by Grand Lodge.

Dictatorship has ended the activities of a Grand Lodge, that of Vienna, whose recognition we agreed to a year ago. In Brazil all secret societies, including Freemasonry, were temporarily under the dictatorial ban, but this happily has been lifted and our South American brethren carry on.

Conditions in the totalitarian states remain unchanged, and as regards Spain, we can but reiterate the sympathetic comment of a year ago.

Formal applications for recognition were received from:

The Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The National Grand Lodge of Columbia at Barranquilla. And having met all our requirements, recognition, with exchange of representatives, is now recommended.

Correspondence was also received from the Grand Lodge Cuscatlan in San Salvador, and the Grand Lodge of Ceara in Brazil, but your committee recommends, pending receipt of formal application together with the customary statement that our requirements are met in full, the recognition be deferred.

During the year formal fraternal relationship has been established with the Grand Lodge of Denmark, but negotiations opened with Sweden and the Netherlands have not yet been completed.

The annual reviews of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions are submitted with this report and as usual, it is recommended that they be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

REPORT ON THE GRAND LODGE BULLETIN

Edmonton, June 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Editor begs to report that with the current issue the Third Volume of the Grand Lodge Bulletin stands complete.

During the year he has endeavored by selection of comment and expression of editorial opinion, to reflect, as far as this may be done in the limited space available, Freemasonry in action here and elsewhere month by month. Your Editor cannot flatter himself that all that has been published has been acceptable, but the almost entire absence of comment, favorable or otherwise, from the brethren suggests that for

the most part the material may have been interesting and perhaps useful.

During the year ten monthly issues have been published with an approximate circulation of 1,050 copies per month. Three copies are sent to each lodge, one to each Grand Lodge Officer, while 525 copies are sent to 16 lodges which subscribe for distribution among their membership. For bulk subscriptions of the last type the rate is two cents per copy.

The total net cost to Grand Lodge for the year was:

Mimeographing.....	\$180.93
Envelopes.....	23.70
Postage.....	23.70
Total.....	\$228.33

or \$22.83 per issue as compared with \$22.56 a year ago. Material for publication is obtained from exchange copies of magazines sent to the Grand Lodge Library, from the Editor's own books and papers, from the occasional brother who offers a contribution, notably our Grand Registrar, and the leaders which express the opinions of the Editor and for which he alone is responsible.

The Editor again recommends discussion on whether the material offered is acceptable, and on whether consideration should now be given to a more ambitious publication, perhaps to be linked up with the work of other standing committees in Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Editor.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by M. W. Bro. John Martland (63), "That the report on the Grand Lodge Bulletin be received and adopted."

The thanks and appreciation of Grand Lodge was tendered to M. W. Bro. Mitchell for his work and willingness to continue as Editor of the "Bulletin."

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Edmonton, June 7, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Masonic Temple in Calgary immediately after the close of Grand Lodge on Thursday, June 10th, 1937, a full quorum being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair. The chairmen of the several committees were unanimously elected, and personnel of the committees left to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to name.

The committee then adjourned to meet in the City of Edmonton on Tuesday, June 7th, 1938, when all matters pertaining to the several committees were distributed and dealt with by the board, who beg to submit the following report.

Lodges in Arrears of Grand Lodge Fees and Dues:

The Grand Secretary reported that three Lodges were in arrears to Grand Lodge, and in accordance with the terms of the Constitution would be deprived of their vote at this session of Grand Lodge. After duly considering the circumstances of each case, the board decided to recommend to Grand Lodge that these Lodges be granted their full status at this Communication.

Fines:

The Grand Secretary reported that he had no alternative but to fine one lodge for failing to comply with the Constitution in making their returns within the required time. The Secretary of the lodge, however, had forwarded these returns and explained that the delay was caused by sickness, which prevented them from holding two regular meetings in January and February. Consequently, it was impossible for them to comply with the Constitution, and requested the consideration of Grand Lodge be extended to them. It was accordingly resolved to recommend to Grand Lodge the remission of the fine.

Jewels:

To implement the recommendation of M. W. Bro. Macaulay, G.M., at the last Annual Communication, the Committee appointed to consider this matter recommend that the design presented herewith be authorized by Grand Lodge, and a die be procured for the striking of such jewel. The rank to be inscribed on the bar, with the appropriate jewel of the office, and name and date engraved on the back. Further, that these jewels be presented to V. W. Bro. Robt. J. Dawes and V. W. Bro. Peter Ferguson upon whom honorary rank was conferred last year.

Report of Committee on Fifty-Year Jewel:

M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock presented an interim report requesting consideration of certain matters which the committee were not able to decide. Upon due consideration the Board recommend that all Master Masons be eligible to receive this jewel who have had fifty years continuous active membership in any Grand Lodge, the jurisdiction of which is recognized by this Grand Body, provided he has been a member for a period of not less than fifteen years in this jurisdiction. The recommendation of the lodge to which he belongs shall be required. The Committee, finding that there are other important considerations involved, request leave to report finally at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

Music for "Ancient York Work":

The Grand Secretary reported that he had obtained from the Grand Lodge of New York a musical ritual prepared by the eminent Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, with suitable odes for use by the lodges operating the York Work. The committee recommend that this musical ritual be authorized by Grand Lodge to be used as an alternative to that at present in use at the discretion of the lodge.

"Ancient York Work":

The Grand Secretary reported that a reprinting was necessary and requested instructions. The Board decided that before reprint be ordered, that a committee consisting of five be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to consider a revision of the said ritual and report at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The reports of the several sub-committees of Grand Lodge were presented to the Board, and these will in due course be submitted to Grand Lodge for their consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WEST,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. West (7), seconded by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey (44), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, June 8, 1938.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

We wish to commend the sentiments of the M. W. the Grand Master to the earnest consideration of every member of Grand Lodge and trust that this consideration may cause them to realize a true fraternalism on this the thirty-third year in the history of our Grand Lodge.

We regret, with the Grand Master, the great loss to our own jurisdiction through the death of two of our Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Archdeacon George H. Hogbin and M. W. Bro. Robert Patterson.

We specially commend the Grand Master for his herculean and vigorous efforts put forth in dealing with the distress in the drought areas, and we wish to warmly congratulate him for the practical results obtained. It speaks volumes for the true Masonic spirit that was expressed in such a practical way in every part of this Grand Jurisdiction.

We note with particular satisfaction the work done by the Grand Master in promoting the welfare of the Craft through his visits to so many of the constituent lodges in various parts of the jurisdiction and we wish to subscribe to his suggestion that visitations by Grand Lodge officers very materially help in encouraging the work done in the lodges.

We are pleased to note that the Grand Master was able to visit with our sister Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, on the occasion of their 1937 Annual Communication.

We agree with the decisions and rulings made by the Grand Master.

We note with pleasure that the Grand Master was able to attend all the District Meetings and we recommend to the Craft his suggestions and observations.

Your committee joins with the Grand Master in the expression of appreciation for the splendid work done by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., as Editor of the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

We commend to the attention of constituent lodges the remarks and recommendations of the Grand Master regarding the importance of the election of the Secretary and all that appertains to that office.

We commend the suggestion of the M. W. the Grand Master with respect to the presentation of a jewel to those brethren having honorary rank conferred on them by this Grand Lodge for special services rendered to this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. Martland (63), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

MOTIONS

The following motion, of which due notice was given, was moved by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by V. W. Bro. R. B. MacKenzie (77), "That Clause 188 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word 'Forty' in the second line thereof and substituting the word 'Twenty-five' therefor."

The motion on being put was "Carried."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), seconded by V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), "That this Grand Lodge assembled in 33rd Annual Communication record a hearty vote of thanks to M. W. Bro. John Martland and his staff of flag bearers for the preparation and excellent presentation of the beautiful, patriotic Flag Ceremony at the reception of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88), "That the thanks and appreciation of this Grand Lodge be extended to the management of the Central Masonic Temple for the arrangements made and attentive courtesy shown to Grand Lodge and its members at this communication."

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. George Moore (23), seconded by V. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), "That the gratification of Grand Lodge at the success of the Banquet last evening be expressed by a vote of thanks to the Edmonton brethren and artists who contributed so much to the pleasure of the occasion."

SCRUTINEERS

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers on the election of Grand Officers: M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill,

R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell, R. W. Bro. C. A. Walker, V. W. Bro. J. K. Brennan, W. Bro. T. B. Donald, W. Bro. A. C. Archibald, W. Bro. H. G. Stretton, and Bro. J. Ferguson (J.W.).

On the election of members to the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master appointed the following a Board of Scrutineers: M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, R. W. Bro. A. S. Dick, R. W. Bro. F. C. Casselman, R. W. Bro. W. E. Mercer, W. Bro. S. B. Ferris, W. Bro. G. J. Kelley, W. Bro. G. E. Cottle, W. Bro. L. A. Werner, and Bro. T. H. Morgan (J.W.).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 374 members and 57 Master Masons present at this communication, carrying a total voting strength of 553, consisting of 74 W.M.'s with 186 votes; 26 S.W.'s with 39 votes; 21 J.W.'S with 27 votes; 253 Past Masters with 253 votes and 16 Proxies with 48 votes.

122 Chartered lodges are represented.

33 Chartered lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River	3	..	..	2	..	5
2. Medicine Hat	3	..	..	..	..	3
3. Alberta	..	..	..	1	..	1
4. North Star	..	..	..	1	..	1
5. Cascade	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Spitzie	..	..	..	1	3	4
7. Edmonton	1	1	1	17	..	20
8. Innisfail	2	1	..	1	..	4
9. Perfection	3	..	..	3	..	6
10. Eureka	..	3	..	5	..	8
11. Acacia	1	1	1	8	..	11
12. Red Deer	2	1	..	..	..	3
13. Victoria	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper	2	1	..	13	..	16
15. Wetaskiwin	3	..	..	4	..	7
16. Mountain View	3	..	..	1	..	4
17. Nanton	3	..	..	1	..	4
18. Britannia	1	1	1	4	..	7
19. Cornerstone	3	..	..	3	..	6
20. Carstairs	3	..	..	1	..	4
21. King Hiram	..	..	..	3	3	6
22. Corinthian	3	..	..	..	..	3
23. Calgary	2	1	..	5	..	8

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
24. Vermilion.....	..	..	..	3	3	6
25. St. John's.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
26. Sentinel.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
27. Apollo.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
28. Ashlar.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
29. Kenilworth.....	..	3	..	3	..	6
30. Summit.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
31. Doric.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
32. Cairo.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
33. Stavely.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
34. Star of the West..	1	1	1	..	..	3
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
36. Gleichen.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
37. Camrose.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
38. Hope.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
41. King Solomon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
42. Bowden.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
43. Tuscan.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
44. Buffalo Park.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
45. Ionic.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
46. Palestine.....	..	..	3	2	..	5
47. Chinook.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
48. Crossfield.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
49. Robert Burns.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
51. Unity.....	..	2	1	9	..	12
53. Strathmore.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
54. Mount Lebanon...	..	2	1	..	..	3
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
56. Beaver.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chief Mountain..	..	..	..	2	3	5
59. King George.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
60. Acme.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
61. Provost.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
62. Coal.....	..	2	1	3	..	6
63. Empire.....	1	1	1	11	..	14
64. Bow Island.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
65. Diamond City.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
66. St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
67. Charity.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
68. Edson.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
69. Connaught.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
70. Quarry.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
71. Tawatinaw.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
72. Coronation.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
74. Vulcan.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
75. Harmony.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
76. Fidelity.....	3	..	..	5	..	8
77. Strathecona.....	2	..	..	7	..	9
78. Hanna.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
79. Morning Star.....	1	..	..	..	..	1
80. Excelsior.....	1	1	1	1	..	4

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
81. Commercial.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
82. Acadia.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
83. Zetland.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
84. Champion.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
86. Rocky Mountain..	..	..	3	2	..	5
87. Crescent.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
88. Wahpun.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
89. Peace River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
90. Norwood.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
91. Patricia.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
92. Saskatchewan....	2	..	1	4	..	7
93. Symbol.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
94. Lamont.....	..	2	..	1	..	3
95. Kitchener.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
96. Dynamic.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
97. Albion.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
98. Hand Hill.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
100. Verdigris....	..	..	..	1	3	4
101. West Edmonton...	2	1	..	3	..	6
102. Edgerton.....	1	..	1	3	..	5
103. Foremost.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
104. Oyen.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
105. Grande Prairie..	3	..	..	..	..	3
106. Lake Saskatoon..	..	..	..	..	..	..
107. Carbon.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
108. Pyramid.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
109. Ancient Landmark	..	..	..	1	3	4
110. Kilwinning.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
111. Nobleford.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
112. Victory.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
113. Cyprus.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
114. Westlock.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
115. Crocus.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
116. Spirit River....	1	..	..	..	..	1
117. Dominion.....	..	3	..	8	..	11
118. St. Mark's ...	3	..	..	1	..	4
119. York.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
120. Monitor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
122. Rising Sun....	3	..	..	1	..	4
123. Rockyford.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
124. Concord.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
125. Cavell.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
126. Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
127. Granite.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
128. Forestburg....	3	..	..	1	..	4
129. Meridian.....	..	2	1	3	..	6
130. Hussar.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
131. Kitscoty.....	..	..	..	3	..	3
132. Craigmyle.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
133. Manyberries....	..	..	..	..	..	..
134. Renfrew.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
135. Alliance.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
136. Cresset.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
137. Irricana.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
138. Onoway.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
139. Melrose.....	..	..	..	..	..	..

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
140. Big Valley.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
141. Efficiency.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
142. Ivanhoe.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
143. Jasper Park.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
144. Gratton.....	..	..	..	3	..	3
145. St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
146. Drumheller.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
147. Northland.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
148. Mayerthorpe.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
149. Rosebud.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
151. Lochearn.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
152. Standard.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
153. Whitecourt.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
154. Waskatenau.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
155. Earl Haig.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
156. Hythe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
157. Sharon.....	..	1	..	..	..	1
158. Berry Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
159. Lucerne.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
160. Sexsmith.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
	<u>186</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>553</u>

Fraternally submitted,

F. BARNHOUSE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 o'clock p.m.

Second Day = = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:50 o'clock p.m.

The M. W. the Grand Master reported that M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill had been taken suddenly ill and was obliged to return to Red Deer at noon. He was sure that Grand Lodge would greatly regret the absence of this brother and sympathise with his indisposition, and in consequence he appointed M. W. Bro. J. Martland on the Board of Scrutineers in his stead.

Some of the members having expressed their hope that the illness was not serious, the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to have flowers sent to M. W. Bro. Botterill at his home, with an expression of sympathy from Grand Lodge.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers, members of the Board of General Purposes, and Board of Benevolence was then proceeded with, and the results, including the various District Deputy Grand Masters who had been elected at their District Meetings and whose elections were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master, were as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS, 1938

M. W. Bro. Archibald West (7)	Grand Master
R. W. Bro. George Moore (23)	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124)	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis (23)	Grand Treasurer
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)	Grand Secretary
R. W. Bro. Frederick J. Hand (1)	Grand Registrar
R. W. Bro. Dr. Thomas Hart (61)	Grand Chaplain
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38)	Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R. W. Bro. Robert G. Thompson (23)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ralph C. Hargrave (70)	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. James Malloch (129)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Alfred S. Gough (20)	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John H. Cochrane (141)	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Walter H. Read (17)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William T. Lingard (39)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Hugh O. Westrup (26)	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William C. Tallman (45)	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Dr. Wm. H. Scott (24)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. William Dayman (49)	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Donald Wilby (138)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Turner (160)	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond (78)	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper (76)	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John J. Martin (149)	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. John Fletcher (144)	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Frank V. Truesdale (124)	Calgary
R. W. Bro. James A. McGhee (21)	Didsbury
R. W. Bro. John W. Chapman (46)	Tofield
R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76)	Bashaw
R. W. Bro. Thos. W. Bull (63)	Edmonton
W. Bro. John Booth (51)	Edmonton

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

The following brethren were elected for a term of two years:

M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26)	Hillcrest
R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)	Calgary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. A. West, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote (34)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Harry J. Bonn (23)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Clem Elliott (54)	Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield (7)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V. W. Bro. Louis D. Nicoll (41)	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. Peter Logie (87)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. David H. Keay (116)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Kenneth Fraser (101)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Thomas H. Beach (36)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Lionel B. Adams (94)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. O. Stewart Martin (50)	Grand Steward

M. W. Bro. Hartman requested his appointed officers to approach the East, when he thanked them for their willing attendance with him on the many occasions of official visits throughout the jurisdiction, and for their presence at this Annual Communication, at all times filling the duties of their office with efficiency and dispatch.

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed officers present were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, P.G.M., assisted by V. W. Bro. Fred W. Heath as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. A. West, Grand Master, presented M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman with the jewel of a Past Grand Master, congratulating him

upon the success which had attended his administration of the affairs of Grand Lodge during his year of office, and assuring him that he had won the respect and regard of the Craft in the entire jurisdiction. M. W. Bro. Hartman briefly replied, again referring to the splendid support he had received from his officers, elected and appointed, and expressed the hope that M. W. Bro. West would have a successful and prosperous year.

The M. W. the Grand Master then thanked M. W. Bro. Downey and V. W. Bro. Heath for the efficient and dignified manner in which the Ceremony of Installation had been conducted.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-third Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 4:45 o'clock p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary.



GRAND OFFICERS, 1938

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University of Alberta, Edmonton

R. W. Bro. George Moore (23).....Deputy Grand Master
 3206 Vercheres St., Calgary

R. W. Bro. Robert G. Thompson (23).....D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
 308-8th Ave. N.E., Calgary

R. W. Bro. Ralph C. Hargrave (70), Redcliff....D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.

R. W. Bro. James Malloch (129), Stony Plain.....D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Alfred S. Gough (20), Carstairs... .D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.

R. W. Bro. John H. Cochrane (141), Hughenden. .D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Walter H. Read (17), Nanton... .D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.

R. W. Bro. William T. Lingard (39).....D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
 505-14th St. S., Lethbridge

R. W. Bro. Hugh O. Westrup (26), HillcrestD.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.

R. W. Bro. William C. Tallman (45), Alix.....D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Dr. Wm. H. Scott (24), Vermilion. . . .D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.

R. W. Bro. William Dayman (49), Carmangay.. . .D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Donald Wilby (138), Heatherdown. . . .D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Turner (160), Box 41, Sexsmith D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond (78), HannaD.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper (76), BashawD.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.

R. W. Bro. John J. Martin (149), Box 26, Rosebud..D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.

R. W. Bro. John Fletcher (144), Irma.....D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), High Prairie... .Senior Grand Warden

R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis (124).....Junior Grand Warden
 3918-3rd Street W., Calgary

R. W. Bro. A. Jackson Davis (23).....Grand Treasurer
 107-6th Avenue W., Calgary

M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary

R. W. Bro. Frederick J. Hand (1).....Grand Registrar
 1717-28th Avenue W., Calgary

R. W. Bro. Dr. Thomas Hart (61), Box 188, Provost.....Grand Chaplain

V. W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote (34).....Senior Grand Deacon
 11053-90th Avenue, Edmonton

V. W. Bro. Harry J. Bonn (23).....Junior Grand Deacon
 1013-5th Avenue W., Calgary

V. W. Bro. Clem Elliott (54).....Grand Organist
 509-9th Avenue N.E., Calgary

V. W. Bro. Fred Whitfield (7)Grand Director of Ceremonies
 11619-96th Street, Edmonton

V. W. Bro. Louis D. Nicoll (41), Jumping Pound.....Grand Pursuivant

V. W. Bro. Peter Logie (87).....Grand Steward
 1525-14th Avenue W., Calgary

V. W. Bro. David H. Keay (116), Spirit RiverGrand Steward

V. W. Bro. Kenneth Fraser (101).....Grand Steward
 11612-93rd Street, Edmonton

V. W. Bro. Thomas H. Beach (36), Gleichen.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Lionel B. Adams (94), Lamont.....	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. O. Stewart Martin (50), Hardisty.....	Grand Steward
R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), R.R.2, Vermilion.....	Grand Tyler

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Secretary.....	M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Calgary
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R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), Grand Treasurer.....	Calgary
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M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26).....	Hillcrest
M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124).....	Calgary
*M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock (35).....	Medicine Hat
*M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman (16).....	Olds
(*)—Appointed by Grand Master.	

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Past Grand Masters

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M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9).....	Calgary

M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (4)	Lethbridge
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14)	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9)	Calgary
M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)	Red Deer
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M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77)	Edmonton
M. W. Bro. Canon S. H. Middleton (58)	Cardston
M. W. Bro. Dr. S. M. Snedden (91)	Ponoka
M. W. Bro. Dr. Geo. W. Kerby (83)	Calgary
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*R. W. Bro. Frank Barnhouse (7)	Edmonton
*R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134)	Calgary
*R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Kirby (151)	Rocky Mountain House
*R. W. Bro. John A. Livingstone (4)	Lethbridge
*R. W. Bro. Wm. M. Peel (54)	Calgary
*R. W. Bro. Harry B. Fowler (14)	Edmonton
*R. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (69)	Viking
* W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)	Calgary

(*)—Term expires with Annual Communication, June, 1939.

APPOINTED BY GRAND MASTER

R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11)	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley (19)	High River
R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86)	Blairmore
W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28)	Calgary

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Standing Committees

Jurisprudence: M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman (16), *Chairman*, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals

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 V. W. Bro. C. G. Purvis (69)

Condition of Masonry

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Chairman
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 R. W. Bro. W. T. Turner (160)
 R. W. Bro. J. J. Martin (149)
 R. W. Bro. John Raper (76)
 R. W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley (19)

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 R. W. Bro. S. Harris (88)
 R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)
 R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)
 R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7)
 R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4)
 R. W. Bro. W. M. Peel (54)
 R. W. Bro. H. B. Fowler (14)
 R. W. Bro. F. V. Trusedale (124)
 R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)
 W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83)
 W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28)

Credentials and Reception

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7)
Chairman
 M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9)
 R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63)
 And the D.D.G.M.'s of the
 Seventeen Masonic Districts.

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



*"There is a silent, one-way trail;
Unseen, it wends its way
Far, far beyond that mystic veil
Which screens eternal day.
That trail which all who come must tread
As those before have trod
Whose names are written with the dead,
Whose souls abide with God."*

Memorial Page

Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Alpina		
(Switzerland)...	Wirth, Arnold, G.S.	Oct. 9, 1937
Arizona.....	Taylor, Arthur Clyde, G.O.	Dec. 27, 1937
British Columbia	Paul, Edward Burness, P.G.M.	Dec. 10, 1937
Czechoslovakia		
(National).....	Weigner, Karel, G.M.	Nov. 20, 1937
Czechoslovakia		
(National)...	Pierre, Constant, D.G.M.	Jan. 18, 1938
England.	Smith, J. Obed, P.A.G.D.C.	Apr. 13, 1937
Delaware.	Cahall, Joseph L., P.G.M.	June 28, 1937
Delaware.	Hearn, J. Bayard, P.G.M.	Sept. 22, 1937
Delaware.	Beers, Henry J. Jr., P.G.M.	Oct. 4, 1937
Florida.	Moyer, John Sylvester B., P.G.M.	Aug. 5, 1937
Florida.	DeLaney, Fred W., P.G.M.	May 17, 1938
Illinois.	Bell, Alexander Hamilton, P.G.M.	Apr. 14, 1938
Indiana.	Wilson, Thomas J., P.G.M.	Nov. 13, 1937
Kansas.	Wood, Owen Jason, P.G.M.	Oct. 18, 1937
Kansas.	Lamb, Giles H., P.G.M.	Nov. 19, 1937
Kansas.	McCullagh, John, P.G.M.	Dec. 6, 1937
Kansas.	Cole, Elrick Clayton, P.G.M.	Feb. 4, 1938
Kansas.	Fitch, Thomas G., P.G.M.	Mar. 12, 1938
Kentucky.	Holland, Geo. Allison, P.G.M.	July 12, 1937
Maine.	Loring, Henry Warren, J.G.W.	Oct. 4, 1937
Manitoba.	Vaughan, Lynds Smith, P.G.M.	Aug. 25, 1937
Maryland.	Livingston, Geo. W., P.G.M.	Oct. 16, 1937
Michigan.	Graves, George William, P.G.M.	Oct. 29, 1937
Montana.	Morris, Moses, P.G.M.	Nov. 8, 1937
Montana.	Calvin, William Ray, D.G.M.	Nov. 25, 1937
Montana.	Hepner, H. Sol, P.G.M.	Feb. 28, 1938
Missouri.	Mitchell, Orestes, P.G.M.	Apr. 19, 1938
Nebraska.	Ramsey, William C., P.G.M.	May 19, 1938
New York.	Tompkins, Arthur S., P.G.M.	Jan. 20, 1938
Nova Scotia.	Smith, Charles R., P.G.M.	Aug. 7, 1937
Oregon.	Coshov, Oliver Perry, P.G.M.	Dec. 18, 1937
Saskatchewan.	McDonald, Lachlan Taylor, P.G.M.	Apr. 7, 1938
South Dakota.	Pettigrew, George A., P.G.M.	Apr. 13, 1938
Tennessee.	Holland, William Roy, P.G.M.	May 26, 1938
West Virginia.	Richmond, Simon P., P.G.M.	Feb. 22, 1938
Wisconsin.	Rogers, Charles C., P.G.M.	May 11, 1937

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"One by one we miss the voices,
That we loved so well to hear,
One by one their kindly faces,
In the darkness disappear.
No one hears the door that opens;
Thus they pass beyond recall,
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one our loved ones fall."*

Memorial Pages

To the Honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River	Erikson, Eric	Feb. 17, 1937
1.	Bow River	Bell, William Wilson	July 31, 1937
1.	Bow River	Coggan, Frank Denby	July 12, 1937
1.	Bow River	Rankine, Thomas	July 30, 1937
1.	Bow River	Hogbin, George H.	Sept. 7, 1937
1.	Bow River	Walt, Stephen Elgin	Sept. 8, 1937
2.	Medicine Hat	McDonald, George Willson	Sept. 27, 1937
2.	Medicine Hat	Johnston, William Leslie	Oct. 5, 1937
2.	Medicine Hat	Luno, George Albert	Dec. 25, 1937
3.	Alberta	Russell, Richard Watson	Apr. 25, 1937
4.	North Star	Rose, Jesse Frank	Jan. 2, 1937
5.	Cascade	Fear, George Mitchell	Feb. 13, 1937
5.	Cascade	Harrison, Thomas	June 25, 1937
6.	Spitzie	McIntosh, Charles Edward	Mar. 9, 1937
7.	Edmonton	McCallum, Walter	May 14, 1937
7.	Edmonton	Kelly, Joseph Grey	Jan. 27, 1937
7.	Edmonton	Francis, John	Feb. 24, 1937
7.	Edmonton	Ellingham, John	Aug. 4, 1937
7.	Edmonton	Grierson, Robert Walter	Oct. 16, 1937
9.	Perfection	Fidler, James	Dec. 5, 1936
9.	Perfection	Hutchings, Robert John	Feb. 12, 1937
9.	Perfection	McCauseland, Frederick J.	Mar. 16, 1937
9.	Perfection	Johnston, Frederick Arthur	Apr. 17, 1937
9.	Perfection	Caloren, John Hugo	May 6, 1937
9.	Perfection	Reid, George Andrew	May 6, 1937
9.	Perfection	Cotton, John Alfred	May 26, 1937
9.	Perfection	Maclean, Hugh Alexander	Nov. 21, 1937
10.	Eureka	Roberts, Robert	Nov. 30, 1937
11.	Acacia	Peel, Frederick A.	Apr. 27, 1937
11.	Acacia	Gainer, John	Aug. 19, 1937
11.	Acacia	Connell, David	Dec. 13, 1937
12.	Red Deer	McGregor, John Grant	Oct. 10, 1937
12.	Red Deer	Parke, Charles Watson	Dec. 29, 1937
14.	Jasper	Smith, Daniel Joseph	May 28, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
15.	Wetaskiwin.	Grant, Robert John.....	May 3, 1937
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Wallace, George Duncan.....	Oct. 8, 1937
17.	Nanton.....	Pestell, Albert John	Apr. 17, 1937
17.	Nanton	Wingate, Hudson Clarence.....	Sept. 28, 1937
17.	Nanton	Richmond, Daniel.....	July 18, 1937
19.	Cornerstone	Smith, Edward Thomas.....	Jan. 8, 1937
19.	Cornerstone	Miller, John	Mar. 9, 1937
19.	Cornerstone.....	Kelly, Alfred Wesley.....	Nov. 29, 1937
20.	Carstairs.....	Shantz, Allen Rudy	Feb. 24, 1937
22.	Corinthian	Patterson, Alexander.....	Apr. 24, 1937
22.	Corinthian	Hunter, John Franklin.....	Sept. 7, 1937
22.	Corinthian	Campbell, John Ferguson.....	Sept. 10, 1937
23.	Calgary	Salmon, Morley Cuthbert.....	Mar. 30, 1937
23.	Calgary	Lamont, Allan Donald	Aug. 24, 1937
23.	Calgary	Hoy, William Richard	Oct. 22, 1937
23.	Calgary	Hunter, William Thorburn	Dec. 14, 1937
24.	Vermilion	Dudley, John M.....	May 22, 1937
25.	St. John's.....	Lovell, William.....	May 18, 1937
25.	St. John's.....	Fairbairn, Robert Huston	Oct. 5, 1937
25.	St. John's	Russell, Frank.....	Dec. 19, 1937
26.	Sentinel.	Brown, Robert.....	June 22, 1937
27.	Apollo.	Howson, Christopher	Feb. 7, 1937
27.	Apollo.	McTaggart, George	Nov. 20, 1937
28.	Ashlar	Spaulding, Lester Alton.....	May 1, 1937
28.	Ashlar	Leitch, Alexander.....	July 14, 1937
28.	Ashlar	Venables, Austen McCarrol	Nov. 6, 1937
29.	Kenilworth	Jacques, George L.....	July 19, 1937
30.	Summit	Davies, David.	Mar. 25, 1937
30.	Summit.....	Evans, Robert	Sept. 29, 1937
34.	Star of the West ..	Reynolds, Fred D.....	Mar. 7, 1937
35.	Mizpah	McDougall, Allan Laverne	Sept. 7, 1937
35.	Mizpah.....	Kennedy, Robert.....	Oct. 28, 1937
35.	Mizpah.	Doty, William H.	Nov. 12, 1937
36.	Gleichen	Bates, Thomas William.....	June 30, 1937
37.	Camrose.	Hart, Delbert A.	Mar. 22, 1937
37.	Camrose.	Wells George Wilson.....	July 12, 1937
37.	Camrose	Wilson, Robert.....	Dec. 24, 1937
39.	Lethbridge.....	Mason, John Alfred	Sept. 7, 1937
39.	Lethbridge.....	Simpson, David A.....	Oct. 16, 1937
39.	Lethbridge.....	McNeil, John.	Nov. 9, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
42.	Bowden	Brewster, James Irwin (Sr.)	Feb. 4, 1937
42.	Bowden	Jackson, Thomas W.	Feb. 24, 1937
42.	Bowden	Hess, George (Sr.)	Dec. 24, 1937
44.	Buffalo Park	Simmerman, Bud	Sept. 3, 1937
45.	Ionic	Andrews, Silas Colin	Apr. 22, 1937
48.	Crossfield	Pogue, William	Sept. 3, 1937
51.	Unity	Lundeen, Axel	Feb. 4, 1937
51.	Unity	Forbes, Donald	May 24, 1937
53.	Strathmore	Watson, Angus John	Mar. 3, 1937
54.	Mount Lebanon	Nicholson, Joseph	Mar. 24, 1937
54.	Mount Lebanon	Bombardier, Frank	July 9, 1937
55.	Bassano	Plust, Fred	Dec. 13, 1937
56.	Beaver	Phillips, Benjamin Alfred	May 11, 1937
56.	Beaver	Lane, John	Aug. 10, 1936
56.	Beaver	Beck, Peter Christian	Aug. 21, 1937
58.	Chief Mountain	Hoover, Lyle Ishmael	Jan. 20, 1937
59.	King George	Wall, Leon	Apr. 27, 1937
59.	King George	Robertson, David	May 9, 1937
64.	Bow Island	Lombard, Fred Andrew	May 3, 1937
64.	Bow Island	Beattie, Harold Emilius	June 9, 1937
65.	Diamond City	Puckett, Owen Lovejoy	Oct. 28, 1936
67.	Charity	Reid, James	Jan. 4, 1937
67.	Charity	Main, David	June 13, 1937
69.	Connaught	Kelsey, Reginald Foord	Jan. 24, 1937
70.	Quarry	Henderson, William	Mar. 17, 1937
71.	Tawatinaw	Rennison, James	Jan. 22, 1937
73.	Brooks	Fearnehough, Joseph Lawrence	Feb. 15, 1937
73.	Brooks	Swanson, William	June 4, 1937
74.	Vulcan	Schultz, Warren Edward	Dec. 29, 1937
77.	Strathcona	Craig, James Milnie	Apr. 21, 1937
77.	Strathcona	Lothian, Walter Lamitir	July 31, 1937
78.	Hanna	*McCrea, Herbert George	July 27, 1937
79.	Morning Star	Kelman, George Arthur Edward	Feb. 22, 1937
79.	Morning Star	Grandage, Frank	Oct. 5, 1937
81.	Commercial	Dunlop, Douglas McKenzie	Jan. 14, 1937
81.	Commercial	Marshall, Charles F.	May 1, 1937
81.	Commercial	Van Allen, George Harold	June 15, 1937
81.	Commercial	Morrison, Reginald James	Aug. 22, 1937
83.	Zetland	MacGougan, Malcolm	Sept. 18, 1937

(*) Dual Member.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
83.	Zetland.....	Bury, Walter	Sept. 5, 1937
83.	Zetland.....	Gunn, John N.	Aug. 26, 1937
87.	Crescent	Jackson, Alfred T.....	Jan. 15, 1937
87.	Crescent	Gammon, Edwin.....	Jan. 21, 1937
87.	Crescent	Alexander, Arthur H.....	Jan. 23, 1937
87.	Crescent	Morrison, William Carson.....	Apr. 2, 1937
87.	Crescent.....	Goodman, David.....	May 13, 1937
89.	Peace River.....	Kresge, Floyd Wilson.....	Aug. 29, 1937
91.	Patricia.....	Rickerd, Cavello W.....	Feb. 19, 1937
91.	Patricia.....	Vance, Clinton Newton	Mar. 19, 1937
91.	Patricia.....	Speer, Henry Brandon.....	Nov. 24, 1937
92.	Saskatchewan.....	Dixon, Walter.....	Aug. 5, 1937
92.	Saskatchewan	Andrew, John Flaxman	Oct. 4, 1937
93.	Symbol.....	Hooks, John William.....	Sept. 10, 1937
98.	Hand Hill.....	Keast, Jacob.....	Dec. 28, 1937
104.	Oyen.....	Harris, Charles Henry.....	Mar. 2, 1937
105.	Grande Prairie	McPhee, Daniel Langlan.....	May 15, 1937
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Haynes, Wesley Thomas	July 7, 1937
105.	Grande Prairie	Leechman, Albert William	Dec. 21, 1937
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	Rutledge, Robert J.....	Mar. 11, 1937
118.	St. Mark's	McLeod, George Wallace	Dec. 22, 1937
119.	York.....	Chaplin, Eddie Jr.....	Feb. 21, 1937
119.	York.....	Whittaker, Seville.....	April, 1937
122.	Rising Sun.....	Ghent, Blake Elliott.....	Aug. 9, 1937
133.	Manyberries	Rogers, Morrison James	Feb. 27, 1937
135.	Alliance.....	Anderson, John Conrad	Feb. 23, 1937
136.	Cresset.....	Welsh, Henry McKenzie	Mar. 4, 1937
140.	Big Valley	Saxon, St. Clair.....	June 12, 1937
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Ritchie, James.....	June 15, 1937
143.	Jasper Park.....	Hobbins, Albert Keefe.....	1937
143.	Jasper Park	Greentree, C. W. P.....	Oct., 1937
151.	Lochearn.....	Kirby, Joseph.....	Dec. 27, 1937
155.	Earl Haig.....	Andrews, Henry Arthur.....	Feb. 12, 1937
158.	Berry Creek.....	Coutts, George.....	Mar. 1, 1937
158.	Berry Creek.....	*McCrea, Herbert G.....	July 27, 1937

(*) Dual Member.



ARCHDEACON GEORGE H. HOGBIN
Past Grand Master

In Memoriam

Ven. Archdeacon GEORGE HENRY HOGBIN, D.D.

Late Vicar of Hindon and Rector of Chicklade and Pertwood, Salisbury, England. Formerly Archdeacon of Calgary and later of Belize, British Honduras.

On Tuesday, September 7th, 1937, our senior living Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. George H. Hogbin, laid down the well-worn working tools of his life, peacefully passing away in his sleep. It was unexpected as he was still actively engaged in the work of the Church to which he devoted all his energies. He was held in high regard by his parishioners, very large numbers of whom attended his funeral at Chicklade Church and also memorial services in other places.

Bro. Hogbin was born in the City of Exeter in 1869. He received his education in England, coming to Western Canada about 1892, and engaging in Indian Mission work in Saskatchewan where he was ordained Deacon and later Priest in 1894, becoming incumbent of Battleford, Sask. In the same year he was married to Miss Katherine Gibbon of Croydon, England, who came out to Canada for the wedding and who, with their daughter, now Mrs. Bolshaw of Vancouver, survives.

Two years later he was appointed Principal of the Indian Industrial School at Bonnybrook, near Calgary, where he remained until the reorganization of the Indian schools about 1906. In 1904 he became Rural Dean of Calgary, and from 1906 to 1909 he was incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Fish Creek, and Christ Church at Shepard. He became Rector of St. George's Church at Banff in 1910, and was Secretary of the Synod during the period of 1906-1914. In 1907 he became Archdeacon of Calgary. In 1914 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Manitoba. Returning to Calgary from Banff he was Rector of St. George with All Saints in Calgary. He gave up all his church appointments in 1915 and became Chaplain to the Forces at Sarcee Camp where he did much valuable work to the end of the War, both as Padre and in a military sense. In fact, the Ordnance Maps he prepared by actual survey and topographical work are still in use. At the end of the War he left Calgary to take up church work at Belize, British Honduras, as Rector of St. John's Cathedral there, where he again did the work of Secretary of the Synod, becoming Archdeacon of Belize in 1925. He returned to England in 1931, just before the great earthquake and disaster in Belize, which did immense damage to the Cathedral and other great buildings there, and since that time has made his home at the Rectory at Chicklade.

This record conveys the idea of one whose restless energy and activity made for many changes, yet they were all dominated by his love for the work of the church. In his early years, distance, bad weather and worse roads never deterred him from going where he thought there

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was need. If there was difficulty, he seemed to enjoy overcoming it, a spirit that was in tune with the times in those early days.

As a Mason, he was made in Bow River Lodge No. 28, G.R.M., Calgary, in December, 1899. He immediately took a very great interest in Masonry and in the work of his lodge, and became Master in 1904. He had much to do with the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1905 and, as Master of Bow River Lodge which became No. 1 on the G. R. of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, he was listed as No. 1 on its register of members. His first office in Grand Lodge was that of Grand Pursuivant and he was placed on several important committees. The following year he was elected Deputy Grand Master and had a great deal of work to do for Grand Lodge. He instituted four lodges—Doric 31, Cairo 32, Mizpah 35 and Gleichen 36. He dedicated Spitzie Lodge Hall and paid official visits at the direction of the Grand Master to four others, all of which entailed many miles of travel. In addition, he was Chairman of two Grand Lodge committees and assisted in the work of others. In 1907 he was re-elected Deputy Grand Master and again carried on as before, doing much valuable work. In 1908, he was elected Grand Master. His first official act was the laying of the corner stone of the Lethbridge Public School. His next was the Dedication of Perfection Lodge Hall in the Alexander Block, Calgary, which became the Masonic centre for Calgary lodges until the block was torn down to make room for the Hudson's Bay Company's magnificent building. In his address, he made special reference to this lodge hall as the finest of any in the west, in furniture, equipment and decoration.

His rulings still stand as sound Masonic law, and his address to Grand Lodge at the end of his term is as pertinent today as it was appropriate then. He used the following quotation to give point to his pleading:

“So live today that, when tomorrow comes,
Thou shalt not cloud the sun with vain regret,
But let thy hand and heart commit those deeds
That love for man and faith in God beget.”

His work in Calgary, in Belize, in his English parishes, in travelling for the S.P.G. will bear evidence that he did so live.



ROBERT PATTERSON

Past Grand Master

In Memoriam

ROBERT PATTERSON, P.G.M.

Charter Member and P. M. of Alberta Lodge No. 3, Macleod

It was with feelings of deep regret that the companions of his former toils in the quarries of Masonry heard of the sudden passing of this fine old Brother Mason, on February 28th last, in the City of Winnipeg where he was visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. M. W. Harvey. He was almost 83 years of age, and to the very last he was active and enjoyed life; in the fact, he was at a hockey match when he was stricken.

Born at Templemore, County Tipperary, Ireland, April 11th, 1855, he was brought up and educated there. He was made a Mason in Templemore Lodge No. 311 on his twenty-first birthday. (Note: This lodge has been extinct for many years). Shortly afterwards, he left for Canada and almost immediately after his arrival in Ottawa he enlisted in the N.W.M.P. for three years' service. Being of a remarkably fine physique, he was accepted and, on being sent to the M.O., was passed as fit with the most casual of examinations; in his own words, "The doctor just looked at me and said, 'You're alright'." This was in May 1876. He was given the number 404 in the Force. He was immediately ordered to join the detachment then being sent to the North West, which travelled to Winnipeg by the route followed by General Wolsley in 1871. Leaving Sarnia with their horses, they went via Duluth, Fisher's Landing, Red River to Fort Garry, now Winnipeg, which in those days was a sea of black mud in wet seasons. It had a population of about 1,200 people then. There were two hotels, one blacksmith's shop and two or three livery stables. Several of the men lost their boots in the mud getting the horses from the boat to the stable. There he found himself under the command of our late Bro. Col. James Walker, then Inspector.

Bro. Patterson used to tell us of the plague of grasshoppers that year in Winnipeg. They were in thick clouds; the river looked as if it were covered with scum as they floated down. Trees were denuded of foliage and at night he had to sleep in a covered wagon box as they got into his blankets on the ground and started to feed on him, because he supposed he was the only green thing in Fort Garry.

From Winnipeg they trekked to Fort Pelly where he was attached to "D" Troop, and moved on to Battleford where he saw his first buffalo, but said they were far more numerous to the south and west where, as the detachment marched south to Fort Walsh, he saw them in thousands. The detachment arrived at Fort Walsh in September. In October they reached Fort Macleod after experiencing a bad blizzard on the way, and he was present at the signing of the Treaty with the Blackfeet Indians at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877.

He remained at Fort Macleod until he left the Force in 1880, having served three and one-half years, and took up land at Slideout on the

Belly River. In preparation for ranching, before he left the N.W.M.P. he had acquired a few head of cattle, with some others who intended to settle, and when the buffalo had been killed off they had so many losses from the depredations of the Indians that they had to move them into Montana and get a rancher there to look after them on shares. It was not until the Indians were settled on their reserves that they brought them back again. When speaking of this experience, he would remark that the deal was not very profitable, that after all the Indians were not so bad, as he only got back about the same number that he had turned over to this rancher. In those days very little feed was put up for Winter, but here and there small patches of oats began to appear on the ranches. These crops had to be threshed by flailing or by horses pounding them out under their hooves in a corral, so Bro. Patterson and three others clubbed together and ordered a threshing machine to be delivered at Fort Benton, Montana. It was the first machine of the kind in the south country.

Bro. Patterson had his ranch fairly well established by 1883, and took a trip home to Ireland where he married Miss Sarah L. Sayers of Richmond, Patrick's Well, Co. Limerick, early in 1884, who predeceased him by several years. (And it was at this time he received the Mark Royal Arch Degree in Chapter No. 73, Limerick). Their family consisted of three boys and three girls, of whom two boys and two girls survive, all married. From that time on, Bro. Patterson ranched successfully until the country settled up, crowding the old ranchers off their ranges. Wheat farming became the order of the day, the changed conditions being particularly hard on the old timers who ran their horses and cattle on the open range, and Bro. Patterson, who had been living in Macleod for some years in order to educate his family, sold his ranch and stock but eventually retired to the old St. Paul's Mission farm which he purchased.

The life of this old timer was contemporaneous with the progress of development in Southern Alberta. He was here before the buffalo had disappeared and the Indians put on their reserves. He saw the first settlement of the land, the advent of the railroad and the building of towns. In this development he took an active part—in the Force, in ranching and farming, in community life, the church and the state. He was one of the first three elders in the Presbyterian Church in Macleod when it was organized, and he presided until the Church union took place.

He was twice elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, on one occasion defeating the Premier, the late Hon. Arthur L. Sifton, for the Macleod Constituency, proving the high personal regard in which he was held by the people of the riding.

He also took a keen interest in sports and was always found amongst the "fans" at a game. Football and hockey seemed to be his favorites.

But his heart was in Masonry and he seldom missed a lodge meeting. He was Master of Alberta Lodge No. 37, under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in 1892, and D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 in 1901. On the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1905 he was appointed J.G.D. In 1910, he was elected J.G.W., in 1911, S.G.W., in 1912, D.G.M. and in 1913 he was elected Grand Master. During his year of office he laid the cornerstone of the Public School at Okotoks, with full Masonic ceremony. He also held four Lodges of Instruction at widely

separated points in the jurisdiction, and impressed on D.D.G.M.'s the importance of such meetings. This was probably the beginning of our present custom of Annual District Meetings.

M. W. Bro. Patterson was also active in Capitular Masonry being a member and P.Z. of Bekah Chapter No. 7, R.A.M., in Macleod, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in 1917 and was made a member of Cyprus Preceptory in Calgary.

His contribution to Masonry in his lodge and in Grand Lodge was no inconsiderable one. For over 62 years of membership he was a patient, quiet worker, whose influence for good was great and whose example of fidelity to his Masonic obligations may well be remembered by those who knew him and passed on to those who have not had that high privilege.

He rests peacefully in the old cemetery at Macleod, among those with whom he lived and labored, both within and without Masonry, very many of them, like him, stalwart examples of Alberta pioneers.

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

Between December 31st, 1936, and June 30th, 1937.

Ratified by Grand Master

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
15.	Wetaskiwin	Lauderback, Gilbert
15.	Wetaskiwin	Ellis, James F.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Smith, George Stephen
15.	Wetaskiwin	Bailey, Ward L.
15.	Wetaskiwin	Gardner, Arnold Newton
15.	Wetaskiwin	Shaw, Albert
15.	Wetaskiwin	Eastwood, Holmes
15.	Wetaskiwin	Parker, Augustus Henry
15.	Wetaskiwin	Hanson, Louie
20.	Carstairs	Anderson, Herman D.
20.	Carstairs	Campbell, Alexander
20.	Carstairs	Kimmel, Richard D.
23.	Calgary	Glass, Herbert G. H.
33.	Stavely	Ostrum, Bert Jacob
33.	Stavely	Elliott, Stanley H.
68.	Edson	Arbuckle, John, Jr.
79.	Morning Star	Watson, Harold Stanley
79.	Morning Star	Battisby, Alexander Milne
83.	Zetland	Sewell, James Griffith
88.	Wahpun	Blefgen, Theodore Francis
88.	Wahpun	Mellroy, William McGhee
102.	Edgerton	Reynolds, William J.
102.	Edgerton	Robson, Herbert
102.	Edgerton	Ford, Albert Hugh
124.	Concord	Claffy, William M.
124.	Concord	Dring, George Robert
124.	Concord	Butler, George Frank
126.	Pembina	Black, John Murray
132.	Craigmyle	Borel, James Alfred
132.	Craigmyle	Lund, Nicolas Hanson
138.	Onoway	Mathewson, William
138.	Onoway	Almond, Joseph Latham
138.	Onoway	Mitchell, Alex.
138.	Onoway	Lamont, William Jame
140.	Big Valley	Wilson, Frank Norman
143.	Jasper Park	Sutherland, Douglas D.
146.	Drumheller	Caplin, Walter George
146.	Drumheller	Christianson, Franklin
146.	Drumheller	Currie, Alexander
146.	Drumheller	Hunter, Arthur Stavely
146.	Drumheller	Rennie, William
146.	Drumheller	Scott, William Henry

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

December 31st, 1937

1.	Bow River	Collins, Henry James
1.	Bow River	Craig, Hugh
1.	Bow River	Glover, Henry Raymond
1.	Bow River	Maluish, Ernest William
1.	Bow River	Ridley, Sylvester Reeve

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
3.	Alberta.....	Kirk, Neville Samuel
3.	Alberta.....	Davis, Joseph Harold
4.	North Star.....	Shirley, Thos. George
5.	Cascade.....	Roper, Alfred George
5.	Cascade.....	Moss, Leonard James
6.	Spitzie.....	Geering, Walter Henry
7.	Edmonton.....	Evans, William R.
7.	Edmonton.....	Oliver, Arthur
7.	Edmonton.....	Field, Charles W. T.
7.	Edmonton.....	Reilly, Leslie Howard
7.	Edmonton.....	Hanson, Elmer J.
7.	Edmonton.....	Robinson, George
7.	Edmonton.....	Johnston, Jasper Peter
7.	Edmonton.....	Sturdy, William A.
7.	Edmonton.....	Moir, John
7.	Edmonton.....	Rodd, Robert Noble
7.	Edmonton.....	Mackay, George C.
7.	Edmonton.....	McAuley, William Angus
7.	Edmonton.....	McClelland, Cecil E.
7.	Edmonton.....	McIntyre, James Duncan Alexander
7.	Edmonton.....	McLellan, William Duffield
9.	Perfection.....	Armstrong, Guy Ontakes
9.	Perfection.....	Brownlee, John Edward
9.	Perfection.....	Craig, Robert
9.	Perfection.....	Cooper, Bertram Garrow
9.	Perfection.....	Giles, Samuel
9.	Perfection.....	Gibson, William Imrie
9.	Perfection.....	Gell, Walter
9.	Perfection.....	Muir, Seymour
9.	Perfection.....	Muir, Ernest Rundle
9.	Perfection.....	Stewart, Harold L.
9.	Perfection.....	Stewart, John Donald
9.	Perfection.....	Pearson, John Park
11.	Acacia.....	White, Geo. Wilbert
12.	Red Deer.....	Bickford, Aubrey Thomas
12.	Red Deer.....	Brown, Lyle E.
12.	Red Deer.....	Blades, Robert Herbert
12.	Red Deer.....	Dodds, Frederick Earle
12.	Red Deer.....	Gilchrist, Hugh
12.	Red Deer.....	Moore, Henry D.
12.	Red Deer.....	Prendergast, Edward James
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Marsden, Thomas
16.	Mountain View.....	Craig, Roland Andrew
17.	Nanton.....	Bridgett, Robert J.
17.	Nanton.....	Eaton, Amos S.
18.	Britannia.....	Rees, Herbert John
18.	Britannia.....	Tudor, David
18.	Britannia.....	Westgate, Frank
20.	Carstairs.....	Boucock, John Henry
21.	King Hiram.....	Walsh, Hanlan
21.	King Hiram.....	Chambers, Hugh Wesley
21.	King Hiram.....	Shiels, Jacob George
23.	Calgary.....	Anderson, Herbert Edgar
23.	Calgary.....	Crossley, Wilfred Holden
23.	Calgary.....	Glover, Hugh Smith
23.	Calgary.....	Hunter, Mack Carson
23.	Calgary.....	Smith, Andrew

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
25.	St. John's...	Davis, William John Edward
26.	Sentinel.....	Tonks, John Charles
26.	Sentinel.....	Rolfe, Emrys
28.	Ashlar.....	Higginbotham, John E.
28.	Ashlar.....	Rook, William Franklin
28.	Ashlar.....	Robin, Cecil Charles
29.	Kenilworth	Foster, Milton Ewart
29.	Kenilworth....	MacLaren, John Gordon
30.	Summit.....	Derbyshire, John William
33.	Stavely.....	Stewart, Frank James
33.	Stavely.....	Rae, Archibald Watson
33.	Stavely.....	Connell, Alexander
33.	Stavely.....	Brand, William Robert
35.	Mizpah.....	Davidson, Albert John
35.	Mizpah.....	Thompson, Bertram
35.	Mizpah.....	Levine, Abraham Leon
36.	Gleichen.....	Ferguson, William Foster
36.	Gleichen.....	Gibney, F. M. Ross
36.	Gleichen.....	Harrison, Robert
36.	Gleichen.....	Jones, Ralph Brace
36.	Gleichen.....	Jones, Gaylen
36.	Gleichen.....	Lewis, Augustus Alexander John
36.	Gleichen.....	Lunnan, John
36.	Gleichen.....	McCallum, Edwin Joseph
36.	Gleichen.....	Park, F. B.
36.	Gleichen.....	Robertson, William H.
36.	Gleichen.....	Schmidt, William A.
36.	Gleichen.....	Scott, William Thomas
36.	Gleichen.....	Shearer, James Russell
36.	Gleichen.....	Smith, Isaiah H.
36.	Gleichen.....	Symons, Thomas Westlake
36.	Gleichen.....	Williams, Stephen
37.	Camrose.....	Hird, Thomas
37.	Camrose.....	Heighington, J. H.
39.	Lethbridge.....	Martin, William A.
39.	Lethbridge....	Ferguson, William B.
39.	Lethbridge.....	Martin, Thomas
39.	Lethbridge.....	Carpenter, Harold
41.	King Solomon.....	Craig, Ernest John H.
41.	King Solomon.....	Barrows, Charles Bently
41.	King Solomon.....	Breadon, Edward
41.	King Solomon.....	Hall, John
41.	King Solomon.....	Boucher, J. T.
41.	King Solomon.....	Boothby, J. D.
41.	King Solomon.....	Borton, A. E.
45.	Ionic.....	Malin, Thomas William
45.	Ionic.....	Birdsell, Ivan C.
45.	Ionic.....	Brooker, Frank Douglas
45.	Ionic.....	Falkner, William Edgar
45.	Ionic.....	Johnson, George Herbert
45.	Ionic.....	Stevenson, Frederick Wm.
46.	Palestine.....	Stumbo, Alfred
46.	Palestine.....	Webb, William A.
46.	Palestine.....	Gray, John W.
48.	Crossfield.....	Huser, George Elmer
49.	Robert Burns.....	Bowman, James Luthe:
50.	Comet.....	Cottrell, James C.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
51.	Unity.....	Christensen, Thorvald Kjeldahl
51.	Unity.....	Commeyne, Florent Henry
51.	Unity.....	Hall, Morton E.
51.	Unity.....	Hannah, Robert Duncan
51.	Unity.....	Lowry, Edgar George
51.	Unity.....	MacDonald, Thomas William
51.	Unity.....	McLean, John Daniel
53.	Strathmore.....	Horton, William Bertrum
53.	Strathmore.....	Cuthbertson, Russel John
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Gale, Gervase E.
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Gray, Robert B.
55.	Bassano.....	Sambrook, William E.
55.	Bassano.....	Wheatley, Frederick
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Carruthers, Parker
57.	Grassy Lake.....	McNabb, John Andrew
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Peterson, Nels
57.	Grassy Lake.....	Hobson, Henry
59.	King George.....	Earle, Justus E.
59.	King George.....	Badcock, Albert G. W.
59.	King George.....	Fairnhairn, Robert
59.	King George.....	Pollett, George Edwin
61.	Provost.....	Bull, Charles E.
61.	Provost.....	Murphy, Frank M.
61.	Provost.....	Beatty, Robert
61.	Provost.....	Dunell, Guy G.
63.	Empire.....	Grant, William
64.	Bow Island.....	Ostrum, Richard H.
64.	Bow Island.....	Johnson, Martin
65.	Diamond City.....	Black, George
65.	Diamond City.....	Higgins, Alexander
65.	Diamond City.....	Miller, David
65.	Diamond City.....	Percival, Preston Hope
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Brereton, Alexander Picton
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Inglis, John
66.	St. Andrew's.....	Jamieson, Robert Boyd
70.	Quarry.....	Munroe, Andrew P.
70.	Quarry.....	Grinnell, William
70.	Quarry.....	Riddell, William Henry
70.	Quarry.....	Abbott, George William
70.	Quarry.....	Bainbridge, Ephraim
70.	Quarry.....	Amdahl, Theodore John
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Crawford, Julius S.
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Mahood, Robert Fisher
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Mills, Charles Edgar
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Plumley, Thomas George
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Shoubridge, Charles Frederick
72.	Coronation.....	Higgins, Raymond Naglee
72.	Coronation.....	McGillivray, William Alexander
72.	Coronation.....	Meiklejohn, Alexander McDonald
73.	Brooks.....	Dunbar, James
73.	Brooks.....	Price, Ernest H.
73.	Brooks.....	Simpson, John
73.	Brooks.....	Sturm, John Jacob
76.	Fidelity.....	Mortensen, William Roy
76.	Fidelity.....	Hawker, William Ernest
77.	Strathcona.....	Grittner, Julius
77.	Strathcona.....	Kynnersley, Albert Edward

<i>No</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
77.	Strathcona.....	Sproule, Henry Augustus
78.	Hanna.....	Somers, Stewart Minto
78.	Hanna.....	Webster, Neil McLeod
79.	Morning Star.....	Messervy, Albert
81.	Commercial.....	Armstrong, Robert W.
81.	Commercial.....	Curry, Herbert George
81.	Commercial.....	Hepburn, Charles F.
84.	Champion.....	Hagg, Oscar
87.	Crescent.....	Ross, Joseph Hope
89.	Peace River.....	Evans, Thomas Parry
89.	Peace River.....	Sanborn, Leo Maxwell
90.	Norwood.....	Livingstone, William Henry Alfred
91.	Patricia.....	Bellamy, George W.
91.	Patricia.....	Bowley, Herbert
91.	Patricia.....	Powers, Daniel
91.	Patricia.....	Treble, John H.
93.	Symbol.....	Bradshaw, Alfred
93.	Symbol.....	Fisher, Samuel
93.	Symbol.....	McKenzie, Malcolm J.
93.	Symbol.....	Stockton, Fred
96.	Dynamic.....	Bowen, Harry Moreland Stanley
100.	Verdigris.....	Bye, Edward LeRoy
100.	Verdigris.....	Donaldson, John Stanley
100.	Verdigris.....	Guess, Bertram Miller
100.	Verdigris.....	Hedenstrom, Kenneth Wesley
100.	Verdigris.....	Kelly, John
100.	Verdigris.....	Madge, William Martin
100.	Verdigris.....	Smith, Charles Davidson
101.	West Edmonton.....	Cumming, Alexander
101.	West Edmonton.....	Cumming, Alexander, Jr.
101.	West Edmonton.....	Griggs, Roy Allan
103.	Foremost.....	Arnold, Isaac Alfred
103.	Foremost.....	Daggett, John Martin
103.	Foremost.....	McKinley, John
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	Price, John Leslie
107.	Carbon.....	Boyle Robert Atwell
112.	Victory.....	Williams, Ellis Thomas
116.	Spirit River.....	Bedson, Frederick J. H.
116.	Spirit River.....	Curell, Donald Vivian
117.	Dominion.....	Knowles, William Sinclair
117.	Dominion.....	Hart, John Frederick Donaldson
117.	Dominion.....	Ashby, Patrick Henry
117.	Dominion.....	Burnett, John Duncan
118.	St. Mark's.....	Bell, John
118.	St. Mark's.....	Malin, Reginald Harry
119.	York.....	Carberry, Charles
119.	York.....	Hiscocks, Charles E. F....
119.	York.....	Porter, Wallace James
120.	Monitor.....	Perry, William George
120.	Monitor.....	Enger, Erling
120.	Monitor.....	Vanhorn, Mifford A.
120.	Monitor.....	Wells, Gilbert N.
120.	Monitor.....	Noble, Charles Emery
120.	Monitor.....	Waters, Scott D.
120.	Monitor.....	Gibson, John Roland
120.	Monitor.....	Perdue, Frederick Peter
122.	Rising Sun.....	Keast, Rlbert E.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
122.	Rising Sun..	Tarlton, Frederick
122.	Rising Sun..	Starling, Linn J.
122.	Rising Sun..	Starling, Benjamin T.
122.	Rising Sun..	Neeser, Walter R.
122.	Rising Sun..	Robinson, Thomas E.
124.	Concord..	Laslett, Roland L.
124.	Concord..	Heighton, Albert E.
126.	Pembina..	Kerr, Herbert V.
126.	Pembina..	Gilles, Wilbert
126.	Pembina..	McLeod, J. Wesley
126.	Pembina..	Merryweather, George
126.	Pembina..	Ray, William Walter
127.	Granite..	Bechtel, Jacob David
127.	Granite..	Thomson, Warren Belle
129.	Meridian..	Ingram, Herbert
129.	Meridian..	Robertson, Thomas
130.	Hussar..	Smith, Gordon R.
133.	Manyberries..	Carlyle, Robert Harold
133.	Manyberries..	Flett, Alexander
134.	Renfrew..	Ballentine, Andrew Campbell
134.	Renfrew..	Blow, Donald M.
134.	Renfrew..	Johnson, Clifford Wilson
136.	Cresset..	Nokes, Jasper Ray
136.	Cresset..	Taylor, Laughlin Hugh
137.	Irricana..	Davis, Alfred Thomas
137.	Irricana..	Martin, Morris
137.	Irricana..	Smith, Lloyd James
138.	Onoway..	Yoeman, James Henry
138.	Onoway..	Robinson, Henry Bell
140.	Big Valley..	Belkin, Charles Louis
140.	Big Valley..	Belkin, Samuel
141.	Efficiency..	Brockie, David
141.	Efficiency..	Broad, Ashley Thomas
143.	Jasper Park..	Keen, John Scrymgeour
143.	Jasper Park..	Otto, Robert Closson
143.	Jasper Park..	Mablesen, Joseph Thomas
144.	Gratton..	Adams, Hugh M.
144.	Gratton..	Campbell, Richard Marshall
146.	Drumheller..	Addison, Thomas
146.	Drumheller..	Keele, Thomas Edward Allen
146.	Drumheller..	McConkey, Hilliard Christopher
146.	Drumheller..	Morris, Robert Samuel
155.	Earl Haig..	Thurston, Frederick John
157.	Sharon..	Hughes, Jack
158.	Berry Creek..	Allen, William Samuel
158.	Berry Creek..	Adams, Elijah Shetis

RESTORATIONS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
2.	Medicine Hat..	George, Howard W..	Dec. 14, 1937
4.	North Star..	Ripley, William Herbert..	Mar. 6, 1937
4.	North Star..	McLean, George..	Mar. 8, 1937
4.	North Star..	Gibson, Christian..	Dec. 9, 1937
4.	North Star..	Carlyle, David Pool..	Dec. 9, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
4.	North Star.....	Jaynes, Henry Forrester.....	Dec. 13, 1937
7.	Edmonton.....	McCallum, Walter.....	Mar. 9, 1937
7.	Edmonton.....	Cook, John.....	Dec. 14, 1937
9.	Perfection.....	Smith, Seth T.....	May 18, 1937
10.	Eureka.....	Follis, Ellsworth O'Hara.....	Mar. 3, 1937
10.	Eureka.....	Grover, Geo. Wild Thomas.....	Mar. 3, 1937
12.	Red Deer.....	Moore, Thomas.....	May 11, 1937
16.	Mountain View ..	Armstrong, Robert Rea.....	Apr. 4, 1937
16.	Mountain View ..	Scott, Frank.....	June 18, 1937
16.	Mountain View ..	Gooder, Walter C.....	Mar. 1, 1937
16.	Mountain View ..	Gilbertson, Ferdinand Peter ..	May 3, 1937
17.	Nanton.....	Maxwell, Alfred Charles.....	June 16, 1937
17.	Nanton.....	Brown, Frank Arthur.....	Dec. 9, 1937
18.	Britannia.....	Drummond, Robert.....	Apr. 1, 1937
19.	Corenerstone.....	Robertson, Ralph Richard.....	Dec. 16, 1937
21.	King Hiram.....	Richardson, Harry John.....	Dec. 15, 1937
21.	King Hiram.....	Tighe, Harold Richard.....	Dec. 15, 1937
22.	Corinthian.....	Dunham, Lloyd.....	Dec. 7, 1937
23.	Calgary.....	Dafoe, James Homer.....	May 7, 1937
24.	Vermilion.....	Lord, Arthur.....	Sept. 7, 1937
25.	St. John's.....	Brien, Graham Blyth.....	Dec. 24, 1937
25.	St. John's.....	Skinner, William A.....	Dec. 27, 1937
27.	Apollo.....	Swift, Robert.....	Jan. 31, 1937
27.	Apollo.....	Thompson, Charles Milton.....	Jan. 31, 1937
31.	Doric.....	MacLeay, Henry Herbert.....	Feb. 9, 1937
34.	Star of the West ..	Baylis, Mervyn Edward.....	Oct. 27, 1937
37.	Camrose.....	Hume, Robert Henry.....	Feb. 11, 1937
42.	Bowden.....	Houston, Samuel John.....	Feb. 9, 1937
43.	Tuscan.....	Knox, Arthur R.....	June 2, 1937
43.	Tuscan.....	McGowan, William Robert.....	Dec. 1, 1937
44.	Buffalo Park.....	Whitmore, George H.....	Dec. 1, 1937
46.	Palestine.....	Duckfield, William James.....	Mar. 19, 1937
51.	Unity.....	Cook, Thomas Henry.....	Jan. 5, 1937
51.	Unity.....	Coyle, William James.....	Feb. 2, 1937
51.	Unity.....	Wraight, Richard Stanley.....	May 4, 1937
53.	Strathmore.....	Dobson, Robert Percival.....	June 15, 1937
54.	Mount Lebanon.....	Endersby, Harry.....	June 8, 1937
55.	Bassano.....	Simpson, T. Nelson.....	Feb. 9, 1937
55.	Bassano.....	Struthers, Robert Herbert.....	May 11, 1937
59.	King George.....	Thorn, Frederick S.....	Jan. 8, 1937
59.	King George.....	Jewell, Arthur R.....	Oct. 8, 1937
59.	King George.....	Parkinson, Edmund.....	Dec. 16, 1937
61.	Provost.....	York, William O.....	Sept. 8, 1937
62.	Coal.....	Bawie, George William.....	Apr. 15, 1937
63.	Empire.....	Ward, William Woodruff.....	Feb. 15, 1937
63.	Empire.....	Fidler, Henry.....	Dec. 20, 1937
64.	Bow Island.....	Beattie, Roy Sutherland.....	June 10, 1937
67.	Charity.....	Hatton, Thomas James.....	Nov. 23, 1937
69.	Connaught.....	Solstad, Eilert.....	Oct. 16, 1937
69.	Connaught.....	Watkins, Frank A.....	Dec. 14, 1937
69.	Connaught.....	Kortzman, Charles John.....	Dec. 14, 1937
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Main, James Gunn.....	May 6, 1937
71.	Tawatinaw.....	Phillipy, Glen L.....	Dec. 2, 1937
72.	Coronation.....	Leek, Milton Clarence.....	Apr. 22, 1937
74.	Vulcan.....	McIver, Arthur.....	Jan. 5, 1937
74.	Vulcan.....	Roebuck, William Edward.....	Jan. 2, 1937
74.	Vulcan.....	Sinclair, Donald.....	Mar. 23, 1937

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
75.	Harmony.....	Murray, Guy R.....	Apr. 19, 1937
77.	Strathcona.....	Birch, Frank.....	Dec. 31, 1937
77.	Strathcona.....	Allen, Harry Samuel.....	Sept. 10, 1937
78.	Hanna.....	Stuart, Charles Brown.....	Dec. 31, 1937
79.	Morning Star.....	Gillies, Charles.....	May 10, 1937
82.	Acadia.....	Campbell, George.....	Dec. 14, 1937
82.	Acadia.....	Cummings, William S.....	Dec. 14, 1937
82.	Acadia.....	Beamish, Jervois.....	Dec. 14, 1937
82.	Acadia.....	Brown, John J.....	Jan. 7, 1936
82.	Acadia.....	Gordon, George.....	Mar. 23, 1937
84.	Champion.....	Depue, William Hargis.....	Oct. 14, 1937
86.	Rocky Mountain.....	Granger, Alexander Reid.....	Dec. 30, 1937
88.	Wahpun.....	Stromberg, Arthur Edwin.....	Jan. 28, 1937
88.	Wahpun.....	McIlroy, William McGhee.....	Nov. 18, 1937
91.	Patricia.....	McLeod, Donald J.....	Apr. 16, 1937
93.	Symbol.....	Moore, Christopher.....	Mar. 11, 1937
93.	Symbol.....	Lines, Alfred Edward Dunstan.....	Dec. 9, 1937
98.	Hand Hill.....	Anderson, Anton.....	Dec. 15, 1937
100.	Verdigris.....	Bye, Alfred Roy Skelton.....	Nov. 25, 1937
102.	Edgerton.....	Bevington, Clold Frank.....	Feb. 22, 1937
102.	Edgerton.....	House, E. Argie.....	Apr. 19, 1937
102.	Edgerton.....	Milne, Peter Thomas Martin.....	Aug. 16, 1937
104.	Oyen.....	Ball, Harry Milton.....	Dec. 3, 1937
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Sawyer, James Wylie.....	Jan. 2, 1937
105.	Grande Prairie.....	Gibbons, George.....	Apr. 21, 1937
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	Taylor, Richard B.....	Mar. 3, 1937
107.	Carbon.....	Poole, William J.....	Jan. 26, 1937
113.	Cyprus.....	McCutcheon, William Orr.....	Feb. 15, 1937
115.	Crocus.....	Dawson, Lewis S.....	Jan. 27, 1937
115.	Crocus.....	Milligan, Robert James.....	Jan. 27, 1937
115.	Crocus.....	McPhee, Warren Alvin.....	June 23, 1937
116.	Spirit River.....	Garraway, Frank E.....	May 17, 1937
116.	Spirit River.....	Gallagher, John W.....	Dec. 31, 1937
116.	Spirit River.....	Donaldson, William McIntosh.....	Dec. 31, 1937
116.	Spirit River.....	Bramwell, John R.....	Dec. 31, 1937
117.	Dominion.....	Templeman, Thomas.....	Dec. 8, 1937
119.	York.....	Towell, Percy.....	Dec. 31, 1937
122.	Rising Sun.....	Taylor, George Alexander.....	Mar. 10, 1937
124.	Concord.....	Butler, George Frank.....	Apr. 3, 1937
124.	Concord.....	Claffy, William M.....	Sept. 4, 1937
126.	Pembina.....	Black, John Murray.....	Nov. 1, 1937
132.	Craigmyle.....	Boral, James Alfred.....	Dec. 27, 1937
133.	Manyberries.....	Gilchrist, Chester Hall.....	Sept. 18, 1937
137.	Irricana.....	Hudson, William.....	Dec. 31, 1937
138.	Onoway.....	Mathewson, William.....	July , 1937
142.	Ivanhoe.....	D'Alton, Robert Patrick.....	May 3, 1937
143.	Jasper Park.....	Morriss, Albert.....	Nov. 9, 1937
143.	Jasper Park.....	Duncan, Charles.....	Sept. 20, 1937
143.	Jasper Park.....	Baker, James Robert.....	Nov. 11, 1937
143.	Jasper Park.....	McConnell, William.....	Nov. 12, 1937
147.	Northland.....	Matthew, Colin A.....	Dec. 8, 1937
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	Tulloch, George.....	Dec. 16, 1937
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	Stockall, William H.....	Dec. 16, 1937
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	Rudd, Roy Stanley.....	July 22, 1937
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	McCallister, William Harrison.....	Dec. 18, 1937
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	Pearson, Oscar Bernhead.....	Dec. 16, 1937

Lodge Directory

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Row River	A. E. Lockett.	E. W. Thomas.	909-4th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.	E. G. Ellerton.	W. H. Williams.	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.	F. R. Keet.	G. R. Davis.	Macleod.	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.	A. Wade.	E. J. Fauch.	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade.	C. L. Lewis.	W. A. Alexander.	Banff.	Second Tuesday in each month.
6.	Spitzie.	J. F. Gray.	G. C. Miller.	Pincher Creek.	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.	J. S. Parker.	F. Barnhouse.	Box 34, Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.	J. J. Letcher.	W. C. A. Watt.	Innisfail.	Third Tuesday in each month.
9.	Perfection.	O. H. E. Might.	C. S. Ewins.	102 Bk. Commerce Chhrs., Calgary.	Third Tuesday in each month.
10.	Eureka.	Alex. Lamb.	D. F. Chisholm.	Lacombe.	First Wednesday in each month.
11.	Acacia.	J. A. McCool.	C. W. Lilley.	11030-81st Ave., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.	P. H. Leppard.	A. G. Ayres.	Red Deer.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
13.	Victoria.	J. R. S. Hambly.	D. Roberts.	Fort Saskatchewan.	Second Monday in each month.
14.	Jasper.	L. C. Stevens.	H. Sandilands.	9258-91st St., Edmonton.	Third Thursday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.	J. B. Christie.	Harry G. Smith.	Wetaskiwin.	First Monday in each month.
16.	Mountain View.	J. W. Hogg.	A. T. Kemp.	Olde.	Second Tuesday in each month.
17.	Nanton.	Frank Evans.	Dr. G. E. McKeage.	Nanton.	First Thursday in each month.
18.	Britannia.	J. W. O'Brien.	R. W. McWilliam.	Ponoka.	Third Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone.	James Brown.	J. F. Casteel.	High River.	Second Tuesday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.	J. F. Dexter.	A. S. Gough.	Carstairs.	First Tuesday in each month.
21.	King Huan.	C. R. Ford.	H. Morgan.	Didsbury.	Second Tuesday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.	Neil Dorsey.	G. C. S. Paterson.	Okotoks.	First Friday in each month.
23.	Calgary.	C. H. Westmore.	J. A. McBurney.	3624 Centre St. S., Calgary.	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Vermilion.	W. A. Rogan.	J. W. G. Morrison.	Vermilion.	First Monday in each month.
25.	St. John's.	K. E. Heacock.	F. W. Laing.	Vegreville.	Second Thursday in each month.
26.	Sentinel.	J. J. Murray.	H. O. Westrup.	Hillcrest.	First Monday in each month.
27.	Apollo.	Robt. Hoe.	Dr. N. W. Connolly.	Stettler.	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Ashlar.	W. R. Reader.	J. W. Quinney.	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary.	First Tuesday in each month.
29.	Kenilworth.	Geo. Holmes.	Rev. W. T. H. Cripps.	Red Deer.	First Thursday in each month.
30.	Summit.	A. E. Graham.	A. M. W. Cooke.	Coleman.	Second Tuesday in each month.
31.	Doric.	J. C. Hill.	W. Gidman.	Taber.	Third Tuesday in each month.
32.	Caro.	J. B. Humphreys.	D. A. Mouser.	Clareholm.	First Tuesday in each month.
33.	Star of the West.	J. C. Ward.	R. M. Coote.	Stavely.	Second Thursday in each month.
34.	Mirpah.	Percy Yeo.	A. G. Finch.	Leduc.	Third Tuesday in each month.
35.	Gleichen.	E. Thompson.	F. F. Gorill.	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat.	First Tuesday in each month.
36.	Camrose.	E. F. Connor.	J. B. Bailey.	Box 273, Gleichen.	Second Thursday in each month.
37.	Hope.	C. G. Torrance.	W. N. Crooks.	Camrose.	Third Tuesday in each month.
38.	Lethbridge.	W. T. Hurst.	E. J. Rosser.	Manville.	Monday, on or before full moon.
40.	Joppa.	Donald Muir.	O. H. Edwards.	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Second Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon	L. D. Nicoll	A. Moore	Cochrane	Thursday, on or before full moon.
42.	Bowden	S. E. Wood	A. L. Boyd	Bowden	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Tuscan	Wm. Cair	Harward Smith	Killam	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park	J. C. McKenzie	J. Robinson	Wanwright	First Wednesday in each month.
45.	Ionic	W. J. Kent	W. C. Tellman	Alix	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Palestine	F. G. Imier	David K. Allan	Tofield	Third Wednesday in each month.
47.	Chinook	C. McKerral	M. A. Murthy	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Crossfield	A. D. Currie	S. Willis	Crossfield	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns	G. Baldwin	F. J. Whitmarsh	Carmangay	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Comet	M. Stuart	F. W. Ingram	Hardisty	Second Thursday in each month.
51.	Unity	W. F. Empey	J. Booth	9350-108th Ave, Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Strathmore	T. E. H. Patteson	W. S. Paterson	Strathmore	First Monday in each month.
53.	Mount Lebanon	Geo. F. Ritchie	N. McKechnie	1413-3rd St. N.W. Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Bassano	H. W. Harper	H. H. Beeber	Bassano	Second Tuesday in each month.
55.	Beaver	J. I. Bryant	T. A. Marshall	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
56.	Grassy Lake	D. Polson	W. F. McNevin	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
57.	Chief Mountain	A. Darby	Wm. Rttis	P. O. Box 11, Cardston	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	King George	R. Alexander	T. B. Donald	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Acme	Thos. Hart	E. M. Brown	Acme	Thursday, on or before full moon.
60.	Provost	J. R. Graham	W. G. Fox	Provost	Third Wednesday in each month.
61.	Coal	E. Ledgard	H. E. Molstad	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
62.	Empire	T. Treble	J. Martland	9618-105th St., Edmonton	Third Monday in each month.
63.	Bow Island		Wm. Hyland	Row Island	First Thursday in each month.
64.	Diamond City		H. B. Fuller	Kipp	Third Tuesday in each month.
65.	St. Andrew's	T. Goodlet	L. W. Smith	Trochu	Second Thursday in each month.
66.	Charity	A. W. H. Morton	Chas. Barrett	539-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
67.	Edson	A. J. Fyfe	F. C. Glover	P. O. Box 110, Edson	First Thursday in each month.
68.	Connaught	E. Primett	H. B. Collier	Viking	Tuesday nearest full moon.
69.	Quarry	A. E. Ward	J. R. W. Cann	Box 242, Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
70.	Tawatinaw	Robt. Little	S. C. Ward	Meanook	Thursday, on or before full moon.
71.	Coronation	D. C. Brown	I. B. Lutz	Coronation	Third Tuesday in each month.
72.	Brooks	H. L. Greene	Dr. C. E. Anderson	Brooks	First Thursday in each month.
73.	Vulcan	H. Abbott	D. McAfee	Vulcan	Third Tuesday in each month.
74.	Harmony	J. S. Mundy	W. C. Reed	Sedgewick	Monday, on or before full moon.
75.	Fidelity	J. S. Dawe	J. R. Hume	Bashaw	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
76.	Strathcona	A. W. Lailey	H. C. Neal	19939-81st Ave, Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
77.	Hanna	O. McCune	J. H. Stephens	Hanna	First Wednesday in each month.
78.	Morning Star	L. H. Nickerson	C. P. Rowland	Lougheed	Third Monday in each month.
79.	Exelsior	L. A. Werner	H. V. Phlips	Box 35, Strone	First Thursday in each month.
80.	Commercial	John Williams	A. G. Caldwell	11023-125th St, Edmonton	First Friday in each month.
81.	Acadia	A. H. Warren	W. S. Cummings	Youngstown	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
82.	Zetland	N. A. Cool	C. R. Cameron	1312-7th St., N.W. Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
83.	Champion		G. L. Dupue	Champion	Second Thursday in each month.
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86.	Rocky Mountain.	J. F. R. Pinkney	J. R. McLeod.	Box 2933, Blairmore.	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crecent.	E. W. Elvey.	M. Currie.	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Walpuri.	E. W. Pratt.	C. A. Walker.	P. O. Box 424, High Prairie.	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River.	M. R. Upton.	T. A. Norris.	Peace River.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood.	G. Milne.	W. Horrocks.	3 Chatham Apts., 10033-107th St., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia.	A. C. Carriek.	J. L. Mellish.	Box 491, Edmonton.	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan.	W. Clyde.	E. Hollingworth.	9721-96th St., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol.	T. Campbell.	L. A. Bennett.	Drumheller.	Second Thursday in each month.
94.	Lamont.	F. Shears.	L. B. Adams.	Lamont.	Second Monday in each month.
95.	Kitchener.	Wm. G. Budd.	H. N. Taylor.	Rimbey.	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic.	R. Forrest.	D. H. Allan.	Holden.	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion.	S. Chandler.	R. G. Coupland.	Chauvin.	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hand Hill.	I. J. Olsen.	D. H. Campbell.	Delia.	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
99.	Verdigris.	F. W. Smith.	Wm. Finlay.	Milk River.	Fourth Thursday in each month.
100.	West Edmonton.	T. J. Chovrisse.	W. Bridge.	12843-121st St., Edmonton.	First Wednesday in each month.
101.	Edgerton.	Arvid Olson.	F. F. Mitchell.	Edgerton.	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Foremost.	J. P. Kerr.	H. A. Macgregor.	Foremost.	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Oyen.	W. J. N. Leslie.	O. E. Samuelson.	Oyen.	First Friday in each month.
104.	Grande Prairie.	E. C. Stacey.	L. Kowensky.	Grande Prairie.	Third Wednesday in each month.
105.	Lake Saskatoon.	H. R. Brown.	A. E. W. Roberts.	Wembley.	First Wednesday in each month.
106.	Carbon.	R. F. Frost.	H. A. Evans.	Carbon.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Pyramid.	H. Conway.	E. W. Frost.	Lomond.	Third Thursday in each month.
108.	Ancient Landmark.	A. F. Jones.	A. H. Finch.	Mirror.	Third Wednesday in each month.
109.	Kilwinning.	C. W. Keer.	R. Hayward.	Innisfree.	Third Monday in each month.
110.	Nobleford.	H. A. Synmonds.	E. Rubie.	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford.	Second Tuesday in each month.
111.	Victory.	J. S. Burnell.	V. H. Lindberg.	Jarrow.	First Thursday in each month.
112.	Cyprus.	W. S. Armstrong.	Wm. Harte.	Box 95, Three Hills.	Third Wednesday in each month.
113.	Westlock.	A. L. Robinson.	W. J. McCullough.	Westlock.	First Thursday in each month.
114.	Croesus.	J. K. Smith.	H. J. Westphal.	Cereal.	First Thursday in each month.
115.	Spirit River.	Geo. Rait.	J. M. Fildes.	Spirit River.	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
116.	Dominion.	D. Burgess.	R. W. Ward.	10228-107th St., Edmonton.	Third Monday in each month.
117.	St. Mark's.	D. Burgess.	R. W. Price.	1824-15th St., S.W., Calgary.	Second Wednesday in each month.
118.	York.	G. C. Paterson.	Geo. A. Thompson.	Box 301, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
119.	Monitor.	J. G. Isbister.	D. D. Thomas.	Altario.	First Thursday in each month.
120.	Rising Sun.	J. A. Dunsmore.	C. R. Walrod.	Gadsby.	Second Wednesday in each month.
121.	Rockyford.	D. L. Mills.	C. J. McKay.	Rockyford.	Fourth Monday in each month.
122.	Concord.	J. C. Manning.	M. J. Manning.	210-38th St. N.W., Calgary.	First Saturday in each month.
123.	Pembina.	J. F. Goode.	H. J. Clark.	Delburne.	Thursday, on or before full moon.
124.	Granite.	R. G. Peck.	H. Andrews.	Sangudo.	First Monday in each month.
125.	Meridian.	H. J. Halvorson.	Hans Farvolden.	Blackie.	First Wednesday in each month.
126.	Hussar.	S. J. McAllister.	Jas. Malloch.	Forestburg.	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
127.				Stony Plain.	Second Wednesday in each month.
128.				Hussar.	Second Monday in each month.

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131. Kitscoty.....	E. Meiklejohn.....	Chas. N. Gray.....	Kitscoty.....	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
132. Craigmyle.....	G. A. Robson.....	A. W. Read.....	Craigmyle.....	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133. Manyberries.....	S. E. Clarke.....	H. J. Hargrave.....	Manyberries.....	Wednesday, on or before full moon.
134. Renfrew.....	G. E. Black.....	C. S. B. Laith.....	239-15th Ave. N.W., Calgary.....	Second Monday in each month.
135. Alliance.....	J. C. Hodgson.....	N. B. Anderson.....	Alliance.....	First Wednesday in each month.
136. Cresset.....	A. J. Willdig.....	J. A. Gow.....	Barons.....	First Monday in each month.
137. Irricana.....	C. H. Byden.....	C. E. L. Baker.....	Irricana.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
138. Onaway.....	N. A. Houghton.....	E. T. Longman.....	Onaway.....	First Wednesday in each month.
139. Melrose.....	H. T. Sandvik.....	S. M. McLaughlin.....	Daysland.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
140. Big Valley.....	C. M. Rod.....	Frank Dewar.....	Big Valley.....	First Friday in each month.
141. Efficiency.....	S. B. Ferris.....	J. H. Cochrane.....	Hughenden.....	First Monday in each month.
142. Ivanhoe.....	C. B. Hunter.....	M. C. Wright.....	9908 1/2 115th St., Edmonton.....	First Monday in each month.
143. Jasper Park.....	C. B. Hunter.....	F. A. Bryant.....	P. O. Box 12, Jasper.....	Second Thursday in each month.
144. Gratton.....	W. J. Bishop.....	T. E. Yarr.....	Irma.....	Third Thursday in each month.
145. St. Albans.....	C. H. G. Codner.....	W. G. Fuller.....	St. Paul, Box 107.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
146. Drumheller.....	J. F. Garrett.....	V. W. R. B. Ball.....	Drumheller.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
147. Northland.....	Ralph Kidd.....	E. J. Martin.....	Fairview.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
148. Mayerthorpe.....	Owen Kenney.....	C. C. Hazen.....	Mayerthorpe.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
149. Rosebud.....	A. W. Brookman.....	B. M. Parker.....	Rosebud.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
150. Locheam.....	A. Herg.....	J. Horne.....	Rocky Mountain House.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
151. Standard.....	Wm. Govenlock.....	F. A. Wagler.....	Standard.....	Third Monday in each month.
152. Whitecourt.....	Wm. Govenlock.....	Thos. G. Govenlock.....	Whitecourt.....	First Wednesday in each month.
153. Waskatenau.....	M. J. V. Downey.....	F. J. Henry.....	P. O. Box 48, Waskatenau.....	Second Monday in each month.
154. Earl Haig.....	E. H. Rivers.....	J. G. McQuarne.....	Barhead.....	First Wednesday in each month.
155. Hythe.....	Hugh Arthur.....	Robt. Arthur.....	Hythe.....	Last Thursday in each month.
156. Sharon.....	H. P. Herd.....	Hugh H. Forster.....	Iron Springs.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
157. Berry Creek.....	W. K. Roberts.....	Jas. J. Marshall.....	Pollockville.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
158. Lucerne.....	W. K. Roberts.....	T. A. Bairbairn.....	Vauxhall.....	First Tuesday in each month.
159. Sexsmith.....	W. K. Roberts.....	T. A. Bairbairn.....	Sexsmith.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
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1	Bow River...	205	4	1	1	1	..	5	5	..	6	194	..	11
2	Medicine Hat ..	251	1	2	1	..	1	4	1	..	3	246	..	5
3	Alberta.....	83	1	1	1	2	..	4	2	..	1	79	..	4
4	North Star	202	..	..	1	..	5	6	1	..	1	200	..	2
5	Cascade	148	2	2	1	1	..	2	2	..	2	145	..	3
6	Spitzie	64	3	3	3	1	..	3	1	..	1	63	..	1
7	Edmonton	243	4	4	4	3	2	6	15	..	5	226	..	17
8	Innisfail	64	4	4	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	68	4	..
9	Perfection	326	2	2	2	2	1	8	12	..	8	303	..	23
10	Eureka	105	1	..	1	2	2	4	..	..	1	105	..	..
11	Acacia	174	1	3	2	6	..	3	1	..	3	174	..	..
12	Red Deer	102	3	3	3	5	1	..	7	..	2	102	..	..
13	Victoria	52	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	53	1	..
14	Jasper	146	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	135	..	11
15	Wetaskiwin	101	4	4	2	5	..	4	10	..	2	94	..	7
16	Mountain View ..	60	8	6	6	5	4	2	1	..	..	74	14	..
17	Nanton	75	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	3	72	..	3
18	Britannia	75	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	..	..	72	..	3
19	Cornerstone	*122	3	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	3	122	..	..
20	Carstairs	31	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	1	24	..	7
21	King Hiram	*66	..	..	..	..	2	4	3	..	..	61	..	5
22	Corinthian	145	2	2	2	3	1	2	..	..	3	146	1	..
23	Calgary	174	..	3	3	2	1	8	6	..	4	159	..	15
24	Vermilion	94	3	3	2	3	1	3	..	..	1	97	3	..
25	St. John's	119	5	5	5	..	2	3	1	..	3	119	..	..
26	Sentinel	58	3	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	58	..	..
27	Apollo	95	5	5	5	16	2	4	..	..	2	112	17	..
28	Ashlar	162	2	2	2	1	..	4	3	..	3	155	..	7
29	Kenilworth	73	1	1	..	3	..	3	2	..	1	71	..	2
30	Summit	52	3	2	3	2	..	..	1	..	2	54	2	..
31	Doric	42	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	44	2	..
32	Cairo	67	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	71	4	..
33	Stavely	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	48	..	6
34	Star of the West.	46	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	49	3	..
35	Mizpah	134	2	2	2	2	..	..	3	..	3	132	..	2
36	Gleichen	77	..	..	..	1	..	1	16	..	1	60	..	17
37	Camrose	95	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	..	3	91	..	4
38	Hope	39	5	4	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	42	3	..
39	Lethbridge	140	1	1	2	..	..	3	4	..	3	131	..	9
40	Joppa	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	..
41	King Solomon ..	39	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	31	..	8
42	Bowden	49	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	48	..	1
43	Tuscan	51	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	50	..	1
44	Buffalo Park	66	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	65	..	1

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45	Ionic	39	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	1	31	..	8
46	Palestine	51	1	..	..	1	1	6	3	..	..	45	..	6
47	Chinook	35	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	34	..	1
48	Crossfield	46	2	2	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	45	..	1
49	Robert Burns	30	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	26	..	4
50	Comet	24	1	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	23	..	1
51	Unity	330	..	1	1	1	3	9	7	..	2	316	..	14
53	Strathmore	64	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	..	1	65	1	..
54	Mount Lebanon	188	1	1	1	..	1	3	2	..	2	183	..	5
55	Bassano	56	..	..	..	1	2	2	2	..	1	54	..	2
56	Beaver	64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	61	..	3
57	Grassy Lake	29	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	25	..	4
58	Chief Mountain	36	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	33	..	3
59	King George	264	2	2	2	..	3	2	4	..	2	261	..	3
60	Acme	42	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	41	..	1
61	Provost	41	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	36	..	5
62	Coal	*33	3	1	5	..	1	2	..	..	..	35	2	..
63	Empire	94	2	2	2	1	2	4	1	..	..	94	..	..
64	Bow Island	*60	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	56	..	4
65	Diamond City	40	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	35	..	5
66	St. Andrew's	55	3	3	3	3	..	1	3	..	..	57	2	..
67	Charity	61	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	61	..	..
68	Edson	137	3	4	4	1	..	3	1	..	..	137	..	..
69	Connaught	31	2	2	3	2	3	6	..	..	1	31	..	..
70	Quarry	42	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	1	34	..	8
71	Tawatinaw	36	1	1	1	..	2	2	5	..	1	31	..	5
72	Coronation	68	1	1	1	2	1	3	3	..	..	66	..	2
73	Brooks	89	3	1	1	1	..	6	4	..	2	81	..	8
74	Vulcan	86	1	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	1	89	3	..
75	Harmony	30	1	1	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	30	..	..
76	Fidelity	69	3	3	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	68	..	1
77	Strathcona	150	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	2	148	..	2
78	Hanna	75	1	1	3	..	1	..	2	..	1	74	..	1
79	Morning Star	32	1	1	1	..	1	..	3	..	2	29	..	3
80	Excelsior	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..
81	Commercial	156	..	..	..	2	..	4	3	..	4	147	..	9
82	Acadia	38	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	41	3	..
83	Zetland	217	2	2	2	4	..	5	1	..	3	214	..	3
84	Champion	39	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	38	..	1
86	Rocky Mountain	51	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	52	1	..
87	Crescent	197	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	5	188	..	9
88	Wahpun	39	1	1	1	..	2	2	2	..	..	38	..	1
89	Peace River	63	3	2	1	..	..	2	2	..	1	61	..	2

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90	Norwood.....	82	3	3	3	3	.	4	1	.	.	83	1	..
91	Patricia.....	243	1	2	2	.	1	9	4	.	3	229	..	14
92	Saskatchewan...	103	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	2	101	..	2
93	Symbol.....	148	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	.	1	147	..	1
94	Lamont.....	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42	..	..
95	Kitchener.....	31	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	33	2	..
96	Dynamic.....	38	1	.	1	1	.	1	1	.	.	38	..	..
97	Albion.....	37	.	.	.	3	.	1	.	.	.	39	2	..
98	Hand Hill.....	39	6	6	6	.	1	2	.	.	1	43	4	..
100	Verdigris.....	55	.	.	1	.	1	2	7	.	.	47	..	8
101	West Edmonton	97	3	3	3	1	.	1	3	.	.	97	..	..
102	Edgerton.....	21	7	6	6	1	3	.	3	.	.	29	8	..
103	Foremost.....	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	38	..	4
104	Oyen.....	33	1	1	1	2	1	.	.	.	1	36	3	..
105	Grande Prairie..	79	2	2	1	1	2	2	.	.	3	79	..	..
106	Lake Saskatoon.	47	1	1	.	3	1	1	1	.	1	49	2	..
107	Carbon.....	56	.	.	.	.	1	3	1	.	.	53	..	3
108	Pyramid.....	27	2	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	.	28	1	..
109	Ancient													
	Landmark.....	33	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	31	..	2
110	Kilwinning.....	31	1	2	2	1	.	3	.	.	.	30	..	1
111	Nobleford.....	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20	..	..
112	Victory.....	18	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	17	..	1
113	Cyprus.....	36	2	1	1	1	1	2	.	.	.	38	2	..
114	Westlock.....	59	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59	..	..
115	Crocus.....	34	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	37	3	..
116	Spirit River...	45	4	4	4	2	4	.	2	.	.	53	8	..
117	Dominion.....	91	3	3	3	1	1	.	4	.	.	92	1	..
118	St. Mark's.....	96	2	2	2	1	.	4	2	.	1	92	..	4
119	York.....	*94	4	4	4	.	1	3	3	.	2	91	..	3
120	Monitor.....	36	.	.	.	.	.	2	8	.	.	26	..	10
122	Rising Sun.....	49	.	.	.	.	1	.	6	.	1	43	..	6
123	Rockyford.....	47	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	47	..	..
124	Concord.....	112	3	4	4	3	2	3	5	.	.	112	..	..
125	Cavell.....	26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26	..	..
126	Pembina.....	33	1	1	.	1	1	.	6	.	.	30	..	3
127	Granite.....	64	.	2	5	1	.	1	2	.	.	62	..	2
128	Forestburg.....	31	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	33	2	..
129	Meridian.....	42	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	40	..	2
130	Hussar.....	34	.	.	.	.	.	3	1	.	.	30	..	4
131	Kitscoty.....	29	1	1	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	29	..	..
132	Craigmyle.....	25	1	1	1	.	1	1	2	.	.	24	..	1
133	Manyberries.....	34	1	1	1	.	1	.	2	.	1	33	..	1
134	Renfrew.....	106	2	2	1	.	.	4	3	.	.	101	..	5

TABULAR STATEMENT OF LODGES

December 31, 1937

No.	Lodge	Dec. 31, 1936	Degrees			Joined	Reinstated	Decrease				Dec. 31, 1937	Increase	Decrease
			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N.P.D.	U.M.C.	Died			
135	Alliance.....	25	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	25	..	..
136	Cresset.....	33	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	29	..	4
137	Irricana.....	54	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	..	51	..	3
138	Onoway.....	24	1	1	1	..	1	1	6	..	..	19	..	5
139	Melrose.....	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..
140	Big Valley.....	34	2	2	4	..	..	..	3	..	1	32	..	2
141	Efficiency.....	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	32	..	2
142	Ivanhoe.....	164	2	2	1	3	1	7	..	..	1	162	..	2
143	Jasper Park ...	*78	..	..	..	..	4	3	4	..	2	73	..	5
144	Gratton.....	32	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	30	..	2
145	St. Alban's....	45	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	1	..
146	Drumheller....	67	1	..	1	1	..	..	10	..	..	59	..	8
147	Northland.....	31	3	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	34	3	..
148	Mayerthorpe...	24	1	1	1	..	5	4	..	..	..	26	2	..
149	Rosebud.....	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..
150	Donalda.....	16	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	16
151	Lochearn.....	51	3	3	3	4	..	1	..	..	1	56	5	..
152	Standard.....	19	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	2	..
153	Whitecourt....	29	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	2	..
154	Waskatenau....	16	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	..
155	Earl Haig.....	29	1	1	1	1	..	2	1	..	1	27	..	2
156	Hythe.....	25	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	1
157	Sharon.....	24	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	22	..	2
158	Berry Creek....	37	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	2	34	..	3
159	Lucerne.....	17	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1	..
160	Sexsmith.....	22	2	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	25	3	..
		11367	205	197	204	143	118	305	321	1	148	11058	125	434

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D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robt. G. Thompson (23)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 23	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Ralph C. Hargrave (70)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. James Malloch (129)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Alfred S. Gough (20)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John H. Cochrane (141)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Coal.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance.
No. 139	McLrose.....	Daysland
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Walter H. Read (17)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Lingard (39)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Iron Springs
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

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No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 36	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

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No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Monitor
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley

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No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. William Dayman (49)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Donald Wilby (138)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathecona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Turner (160)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Arthur G. R. Bond (78)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Dr. John Raper (76)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 109	Ancient Landmark.....	Mirror
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John J. Martin (149)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 149	Rosebud.....	Rosebud
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. John Fletcher (144)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 112	Victory.....	Jarrow
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be. The brother can only rank as Past Master after having been elected to and faithfully performed the duties of Master of a Craft lodge.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimits by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.
Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. Question: Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer: A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. Question: What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer: All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. Question: May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer: No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. Question: Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer: Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. Question: Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. Question: Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. Question: Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer: No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: If a committee appointed on the application of a brother, who has been suspended N.P.D., reports unfavorably, has the W.M. power to declare him rejected?
Answer: No. Lodge must make decision and by written ballot. Proceedings, 1931.
(Note: This ruling now cancelled by provisions of Section 237, 1936 Constitution.)
26. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
32. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
33. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.

34. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
- Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
39. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.
40. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?
- Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.
41. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?
- Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.
43. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?
- Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.
44. Question: What is the standing of a brother who has been installed Worshipful Master of a lodge and who has only occupied the Master's chair for a period of six months?
- Answer: His rank is an Installed Master and as such can at the request of the Senior Warden, occupy the Master's chair and confer degrees, but this in no way constitutes a fulfillment of the constitutional requirements to rank as a Past Master, nor is he more than Acting Master. Proceedings, 1937.
45. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.
46. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.
47. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
48. Question: Can the regular business of a lodge be conducted at a meeting called for the celebration of the Feast of St. John and the Installation of officers?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
49. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not re-

quired to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.

50. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.

51. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?

Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

52. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

REPORT
of the
COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE
A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The thanks of the Grand Lodge are again due the handful of brethren who annually review the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions for the edification and information of our members. To these thanks the Chairman of your Committee adds his own quota of appreciation to:

M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay
M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
R. W. Bro. C. V. Bennett
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland

whose devoted labors enable these Reviews to appear in the Proceedings. Our thanks are also due to Bro. George Thorne of Commercial Lodge No. 81, for translating and reviewing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

The Reviews, if read, will speak for themselves and we mention once more that lodges and brethren interested in Freemasonry as more than a local manifestation will be amply repaid by a perusal of the other fellow's faith and works.

As overall comment, most, if not all Proceedings with the notable exception of the three British Jurisdictions, record continuing, if decreasing, losses in membership. The general opinion expressed by Grand Masters is of subdued optimism, occasionally tinged with misgiving.

The number of Grand Masters who point to the necessity of serious consideration of Freemasonry's future place in rapidly changing World Relations increases year by year and in the current reviews extracted comment sprinkled over the pages suggests that we too should begin to take stock.

In the United States the "Liquor Question", "Masonic Education" and the "George Washington Memorial" are still frequent subjects of comment.

Minnesota reports the incident of a cultured German doctor, member of a German lodge suppressed by the Nazis, seeking right of visitation and being refused on the ground that having no recognized affiliation he was therefore clandestine. We cannot quarrel with the legal decision but wonder what may happen should a similar German visitor seek to visit here or in due course seek re-initiation in an Alberta lodge.

The usual list of Proceedings reviewed follows this brief report.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED
FOR 1937 AND 1936 WHERE INDICATED

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| 1. Alabama | 34. New Mexico |
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| 4. California | 37. New Zealand (1936-7) |
| 5. Canada in Ontario | 38. North Carolina |
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| 9. Delaware | 42. Oklahoma |
| 10. Dist. of Columbia | 43. Oregon |
| 11. England | 44. Pennsylvania |
| 12. Florida (1936) | 45. Philippine Islands |
| 13. Georgia | 46. Prince Edward Island |
| 14. Idaho | 47. Quebec |
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| 16. Indiana | 49. Rhode Island (1936) |
| 17. Iowa | 50. Saskatchewan |
| 18. Ireland | 51. Scotland |
| 19. Kansas | 52. South Australia |
| 20. Kentucky | 53. South Carolina |
| 21. Louisiana | 54. South Dakota |
| 22. Maine | 55. Tasmania |
| 23. Manitoba | 56. Tennessee |
| 24. Maryland | 57. Texas |
| 25. Mexico (York) (1936) | 58. Utah |
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| 27. Mississippi | 60. Victoria |
| 28. Montana | 61. Virginia |
| 29. Nebraska | 62. Washington |
| 30. Nevada | 63. Western Australia |
| 31. New Brunswick (1936-7) | 64. West Virginia |
| 32. New Hampshire | 65. Wisconsin |
| 33. New Jersey | 66. Wyoming |

ALABAMA

One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Coke S. Wright. Alberta was not represented.

For twenty long years it has been necessary for the Grand Lodge of Alabama each year to finance part of the year on borrowed funds. The expenditures were for running expenses as well as for the Masonic Home. Obviously the cost of doing business was increased by the amount of interest paid. All this was changed by Grand Master Coke who ordered lodges to remit the per capita of \$1.50 and the assessment of \$10.00 for each initiation in quarterly instalments rather than annually as heretofore. What a simple expedient! The splendid co-operative spirit of the lodges in conforming made the accomplishment possible.

One of those Southern "zephyrs" which occasionally blow struck the Home causing considerable damage to the building, but it is pleasing to learn that no one was injured.

The Order of DeMolay is supported in the Grand Master's address by quoting Charles G. Dawes: "The teachings of the Order of DeMolay—Love of parents, love of God, patriotism purity, courtesy, comradeship and fidelity, are those which not only develop the best in Youth, but insure the best in man." And then he states, "A recent investigation in one city in Ohio reveals 82.5% of all Masons 21 to 25 years of age were former DeMolays. 66.6% of all Masons 21 to 30 years of age were former DeMolays. 43% of all Masons were former DeMolays. We do not have too many old men in Masonry by we have too few young men."

The Grand Master should be commended for his prompt action in aiding the sister jurisdiction of Kentucky at the time of the floods in that State. However we must equally criticize him for issuing no less than three permissions for lodges to send begging letters to all other lodges in the jurisdiction. Just why there should have been the stipulation "provided they did not request more than \$2.00 from any one lodge" is not clear.

A lodge Secretary was reported as having mis-appropriated lodge funds. Alabama has a blanket bonding system on all Secretaries and Treasurers so that the only loss was the forfeited confidence of many Masons in one person and the later expulsion of that one person from the Order.

In a very fine conclusion to his address, after soft pedalling his efforts and paying a fine tribute to the great Masonic spirit displayed toward him by the brethren, the Grand Master finishes, "The Grand Lodge owes me nothing. If accounts were balanced I would be the debtor."

A lodge so far forgot itself as to ignore several letters from the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master's requests. Result, someone had the gumption to arrest their charter. About that time the lodge got busy and did something about the correspondence. These things happen occasionally in all jurisdictions and almost always it is because "the boss" of some small lodge gets on his high horse when he gets mandatory instructions from higher up. Some day these people should realize that an army is not composed of all Generals!

Owing to economy measures there is not included in the Proceedings a review of Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges, 460. Membership, 28,187. Gain, 3.

M. W. Grand Master—S. B. Adams.

R. W. Grand Secretary—G. T. Smith.

V.H.M.

ARIZONA

Fifty-fifth Annual Communication held at Globe, March 10th, 1937.
M. W. Bro. James R. Malott, Grand Master.

Lodges, 39. Membership, 5,635. Loss, 66.

Alberta was not represented.

The Grand Master's address is a business-like document, terse and to the point. Beginning with the condition of Masonry in his State, he says:

"While our records still show a net loss, that loss is a mere fraction of our losses in the past. . . . More important than our numerical increase, is the improvement in the interest and enthusiasm of our subordinate lodges."

Arizona's relief expenditures approximate \$1.80 per capita of her active membership, which is apparently not enough and use of the contribution intended for a capital fund for direct relief is recommended.

We have endeavored in recent reviews to refrain from comment upon the liquor question as it affects Masonic Jurisprudence in the United States. We note, however, in the present Proceedings a citation from a report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which has implications, to our mind, of rather unusual consequence.

We quote: "The Lodge, by the investigating committee and the ballot can exclude those who, by their use of or traffic in intoxicating drinks, are offenders against the moral law."

We can imagine a lodge of teetotallers blackballing a man because he appreciates the solvent quality of an occasional snifter of Scotch, and a lodge of Arizona miners welcoming him with open arms for the same reason, but what in "the moral law" does that prove or disprove? We ponder.

The gambling nuisance is still to the fore. Says the Grand Master: "During the year, my attention has not been called to a single instance where our subordinate lodges have operated raffles or engaged in any gambling enterprise for the raising of money. However, in this and other jurisdictions, the sponsorship of illegal gambling enterprises by organizations requiring Masonic membership as a pre-requisite to membership, has proven an increasing source of embarrassment."

He reviews the action of other Grand Jurisdictions and recommends similar legal enactment for Arizona.

Commenting on present trends, as do most Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. Mallott closes his address with some sound philosophy from which we choose a sentence or two:

"We believe that individual self-discipline, spiritual development and tolerance are essential to the development of society, and that our chief function is to build and develop those qualities among our members."

"Our method may be slow, yet it is essential since moral development has accounted for all true progress in the world."

From the Grand Orator's address on "Our Responsibilities" we have but room for one sizzling sentence, which in the vernacular is "saying a mouthful":

"Many of us question 'Am I my brother's keeper?' but if we educate him properly, it may make the keeping easier, and might even enable him to keep us."

A paper on "Grand Lodge Relief Funds" prepared by M. W. Bro. Malott and read at the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in the United States at Washington, February 23rd, 1937, appears in full and is commended to the attention of all Benevolent Boards and Committees.

Two Past Grand Masters of Arizona "joined the Great Majority" during the year and suitable reference and portraits appear in the Proceedings.

In the Review of Proceedings, Alberta receives generous and rather more personal reference than usual from the pen of her Grand Representative, Bro. Alexander McDonald. Thanks, Mac!

Fifty-sixth Annual Communication to be held at Tucson, April, 6th 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Barnett E. Marks, Phoenix.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry A. Drachman, Tucson.

A.M.M.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

An Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Oliver on 12th August, 1936, for the purpose of constituting Southern Gate Lodge No. 124. Among those assisting in the ceremony were officers from the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington.

A similar meeting was held at Trail on the 14th September, 1936, for the purpose of constituting Emulation Lodge No. 125.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication was held in Vancouver on the 17th June, 1937, the Grand Master presiding.

Bro. J. H. Geer represented Alberta.

The Grand Master's address is a concise record of his activities during his year of office.

We are glad to notice a ruling whereby an applicant for initiation was deemed eligible notwithstanding that he had lost three fingers of the left hand.

M. W. Bro. H. H. Watson and M. W. Bro. F. J. Burd represented British Columbia at the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

A net loss of 228 in membership is reported.

The sum of \$21,316.94 was expended for relief.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are all interesting and readable but are of purely local interest.

As usual the Grand Historian's Report is one of the highlights of the proceedings. It records the destruction by fire of the Temple in Barkerville. Built in that historic village in 1869, it has served the Masons of that district for sixty-seven years.

There is also given the interesting history of Tuscan Lodge, originally located at Trout Lake, one of the boom towns of the Lardeau country. The history illustrates the mistake so often made in all jurisdictions of granting charters to lodges in new towns before permanency is assured.

Notes on Union Lodge No. 9 contributed by Bro. Judge F. W. Howay refer to the first lodge in British Columbia. The lodge received its charter from the Grand Lodge of England in 1862.

W. Bro. F. F. Fatt continues his notes on Vancouver Lodge No. 421, now Vancouver and Quadra Lodge No. 2.

Alberta Proceedings are generously and fraternally reviewed.

G.M.B.

CALIFORNIA

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication. M. W. Bro. Rollie W. Miller, Grand Master.

The Acting Grand Chaplain led Grand Lodge in a service of Meditation, the theme of which was "Where shall we find God?"

The Grand Master's address is remarkably short, eight pages, and is largely confined to matters coming up in reports. He found it necessary to inform Grand Lodge that certain Masonic publications in that State were using doubtful methods in soliciting advertising. He recommended the setting aside of an hour during the sessions for the purpose of commemorating the sesquicentennial of the adoption of the Constitution of the U.S.A.

The State legislature is reported by the Grand Secretary as having passed the bill providing for the registering of the name of Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges and their insignia. It provides penalties even for wearing Masonic pins for which the individual is not entitled. Seventy brethren qualified through the year for the Fifty Year Jewel.

The Grand Lecturer was continually being asked about how the Apron should be worn in lodge. It was pointed out that the ruling was that formal occasions such as Grand Lodge the processions called for it to be worn outside the coat, and he believed on other occasions so long as the apron could be seen that it might be worn beneath a jacket. Old dogs do not like learning new tricks, neither do Past Masters like learning a new Funeral Service ritual, either in California or Alberta. The Grand Lecturer ruled that once a service was adopted no one had

the right to substitute another until accepted again by Grand Lodge in replacement. As a step to procure better material for the Master's chair he recommended that junior offices should be considered merely as appointment for one year only without any implication of promotion. Then only those proving their worth should have their appointments renewed by promotion.

The "Oration" by the Grand Orator was on the topic "Our Heritage." He commenced by speaking of the Masonic and then the National heritage.

The Masonic Homes in California are embarrassed by the Social Security legislation of that State which now provides \$35.00 per month for aged persons under certain circumstances and which will affect 200 of the 352 inmates. What to do? It was decided to permit these folks to remain in the Homes if they wished, providing they were willing to pay for certain services out of their allowances.

California is justly proud in announcing that their Permanent Homes Endowment Fund now exceeds ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

After reconitering the Hospital field with a view to erecting Masonic Hospitals in San Francisco and Los Angeles the Committee recommended "Do not". They found that the popularity of "Hospital group insurance" was growing by such leaps and bounds that it was felt feasible to enquire into the possibility of lodges taking up such for their members. They reported as well that many hospital beds were unoccupied with those institutions operating in the red.

Masonic Education for the coming year is to be "just that," directed to the candidate and shall not be compulsory.

The Correspondence Report is done in topical style and is almost a Masonic Compendium for the year.

Lodges, 582. Membership, 127,728. Decrease, 1,598.

M. W. Grand Master—J. T. Fraser.

V. W. Grand Secretary—John Whicher.

V.H.M.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eighty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held at the City of Ottawa on the 21st June, 1937, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. J. Anderson, presiding.

Alberta's representative was in attendance.

Grand Lodge was welcomed by Bro. J. Stanley Lewis, Mayor of Ottawa, and by the Masters of all lodges in Ottawa district, to both of which the Grand Master made suitable reply.

In his address the Grand Master dealt at length with his visit to the Bi-centenary celebrations in Scotland in 1936. He realized the value of the meeting "in the contacts made and exchange of views."

He records the great loss suffered by Grand Lodge in the death of R. W. Bro. Logan, the Grand Secretary, who had held that office for nineteen years. He says of him, "He was regarded as one of the great Masonic Grand Secretaries of the world." We in Alberta deeply regret the passing of this well known Mason and tender our sincere sympathy to our brethren in Ontario.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) was contributed to the American Red Cross Society to assist those who had suffered as a result of the Mississippi and Ohio floods.

Lotteries and such like gambling schemes receive wholesale vigorous condemnation. The building activities of constituent lodges calls forth useful advice, but we are not quite sure that it would be wise for Grand Lodge to legislate on such matters.

The writer of an anonymous letter receives a well merited castigation and those who received such letters are given the only proper advice in such circumstances—destroy them.

The Grand Master managed to attend forty-six different Masonic functions during his year.

The Grand Master deals with events in Germany, Italy and Spain and the resultant suppression of Masonry in those countries. Since his address was delivered Austria has been added to the list.

We wish to quote one pregnant paragraph:

"Dictators and tyrants have always opposed Freemasonry because its membership have usually been found on the side of right, fighting for freedom of worship, thought, speech and action. I have referred to this present age as the winter-time of liberty, but I am sanguine the spring-time will follow. Dictators and autocracy have toppled and fallen in the past. Communism, fascism and nazism are fevers and will pass away. Liberty, and faith in God, will bloom again and those new and subversive thoughts and activities shall be forgotten."

Our membership should have such valuable pronouncements impressed upon their minds; similar subversive activities are at work in our fair land of Canada and what we need is "eternal vigilance." Perhaps democracy is not quite "filling the bill" (which, of course, we do not admit) but at least it does guarantee to us liberty within the law. We fear that most of us are sitting supinely by while the champion of dictatorship and the foe of liberty proceeds apace with his subversive work. Congratulations, M. W. Sir.

Incidentally and without malicious intent may we congratulate the Grand Lodge of Canada on the fact that their portfolio does not disclose Alberta Bonds.

We read the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters with much pleasure. As a rule Ontario District Deputy Grand Masters produce one or two real gems. Here is one of them:

Eastern District. "Some of the lodges who are in the habit of starting late and ending early might well copy their example." Have we not all suffered. Lodge called for 8 p.m. starts at 10 p.m. Should have finished at 10 p.m. and actually finishes at 1 a.m. and then the "distinguished visitors" have to drive home anything from twenty-five to fifty miles. Good work Sir—keep it up.

Here is another from Frontenac District.

"It is a pity that many lodges believe that a successful meeting means a late one; some of the older members are probably kept away. It was therefore a pleasure to visit Simpson Lodge, No. 157 at Newboro, for in that village the electric current is always turned off at midnight sharp."

It is only the rules of decent writing and an ingrained sense of propriety which prevents us from saying "Are you telling me." If you want some more, read the report from Hamilton District B. But then we are Scotch. In fact for real Masonic information—real Masonic spirit, read all the Ontario District Deputy Grand Master's reports. The fact is that if we will only realize it the District Deputy Grand Master is the most potent influence for good or otherwise in our Masonic life.

What strikes us as most important throughout is loyalty to the Grand Master. It is symbolic of loyalty to the King, to constituted authority and no nation who has thousands of citizens or subjects imbued with the spirit need fear the ultimate outcome.

The Board on the Condition of Masonry is pleased to report:

"That on every hand there is increasing evidence that Masonry is steadily but surely emerging from the trials of the past few years." More in the same strain leads us to believe that we have reached the turn of the tide.

The Board also believes that our meetings would be improved if attention were paid to such matters as starting on time, misdirected discussions, over-crowded programmes, too numerous responses and last but not least, ventilation. May we most respectfully agree.

The amount expended for benevolence was \$235,397.00. The committee emphasizes that benevolence is primarily an individual problem and that Grand Lodge can merely assist.

M. W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop was elected Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Ponton is responsible for the well written analytical review of Foreign Correspondence. He is kind to Alberta and to this reviewer. It is a pleasure and a delight to read you, Sir.

G.M.B.

COLORADO

Seventy-seventh Annual Communication, Denver, September 21st and 22nd, 1937.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the M. W. Grand Master, William R. Arthur, in the Masonic Temple, Denver, with 138 out of 147 subordinate lodges being represented.

Alberta's Grand Representative appears to have had business elsewhere, as his name does not show on the Roll.

Corner stones of seven public buildings had been laid during the year. This record does not suggest either depression or recession in our great neighbour to the South.

The Grand Master had the rather remarkable record of visiting every one of the 147 lodges in his jurisdiction, in doing which he travelled 36,000 miles, apparently in his own car. And spent only \$1,500.00 of the funds of Grand Lodge.

The membership as at June 30th, 1937, was 30,074, a net loss of 370. Only five Grand Jurisdictions in the United States showed gains during the past year.

There was paid out of the Benevolent Fund the sum of \$19,660.75. The Committee explained that it has been their policy for some time, in making an award, to ask the lodge from which the application came to bear a portion of the benefit allowed, this portion depending upon the financial position of the lodge. This is done so that the lodge may realize that the benefits that are extended to the beneficiary come from their own lodge, and also to keep up a continued interest on the part of the lodge in the beneficiaries. This would seem to be a reasonable practice.

We note in the Report of the Grand Lecturer that the average attendance of subordinate lodges for the twelve months preceding his visit was 25, and the percentage of attendance was 12. The annual dues run from \$2.00 to \$12.00 per annum, and the fees for degrees from \$50.00 to \$150.00, the average being \$67.38. Eighty-one Worshipful Masters were able to confer all degrees in full. The most encouraging aspect was the feeling of cheerfulness that filled the atmosphere at the communications, a most pleasant contrast to the gloom that seemed to lie in the background at meetings held but a few years past.

The Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence presented his twentieth annual report, in which he reviewed sixty-three Annual Reports, together with six extras that had not been theretofore received. He found that liquor, gambling, membership, attendance, charity in all its phases, and financial considerations seemed to have occupied the attention of most of the Grand Lodges for quite a large portion of the time of their meetings. He notes that there is no great diversion of opinion upon those subjects, unless it was upon the liquor question, where Masons will never all think alike. But all Masons are earnest in impressing upon their membership the fact that temperance in all things is one of the distinguishing characteristics of a good Freemason.

Alberta for both 1936 and 1937 are given three pages of notice, with liberal quotations from the addresses of our Grand Masters.

M. W. Grand Master—Harry L. Baum, Denver.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles A. Patton, Denver.

C.V.B.

CONNECTICUT

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on July the 26th, 1936, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Hawley Memorial Library.

An Emergent Communication was held on September the 19th, 1936, for the purpose of paying the last honors to M. W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin.

A Special Communication was held at the residence of the late Governor and M. W. Bro. Marcus H. Holcomb, for the purpose of dedicating a hall for the use of Friendship Lodge No. 33.

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held in the City of Hartford on February 3rd, 1937, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Arthur F. Lewis, on the throne.

There were fifteen Past Grand Masters present. Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of District of Columbia, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts, also from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite Bodies.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodges of Maine, District of Columbia, Montana, Vermont, Rhode Island and Pioneer Lodge in New Jersey, in which lodge he was raised.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters and addressed the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He was also present at the Grand Masters' Conference.

A Special Dispensation was issued to empower a Past Master to open and close lodge in the absence of the Master and Wardens.

The Grand Master recommended that Section 17 of the Rules and Regulations be amended, by adding the words: "The Grand Master shall suspend for unmasonic conduct all persons who shall promote or assist in the promotion of such lotteries, raffling or games of chance for the purpose of raising money for Masonic purposes or for any other of the organizations known to be affiliated with Masonry." The above had reference particularly to the game "Bingo."

The Grand Master recommends the "Master's Book" by Carl H. Claudy. This is also recommended by the Alberta Research and Education Committee.

The Grand Secretary attended the Two Hundredth Birthday of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

During the year the Connecticut Valley suffered great losses from floods. Masonic Benevolence was used freely. This was most praiseworthy.

There was \$145,252.75 expended in connection with the Masonic Charity Foundation. The Securities amount to \$514,363.89. The Home cared for 463 inmates this past year.

M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck writes the Review and gives Alberta one and one-half pages of courteous mention.

Lodges, 128. Members, 37,187. Decrease, 1,141.

M. W. Bro. Anders Jacobsen—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Winthrop Buck—Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent.

M. M. D.

COSTA RICA

1936

The Thirty-seventh Annual Communication held at San Jose, November 27th, 1936.

M. W. Bro. Stanley Lindo, Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Edward Sasso, Grand Secretary, Apartado Y, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Lodges—6. Membership—274. Loss—51.

The Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction also meets quarterly.

The Grand Master's address is not printed.

The warrant was withdrawn from one lodge (Prospero Fernandez No. 12) for contravention of the Constitution, thus causing loss of 28 members (included in the 51 above shown).

No Fraternal Correspondence is mentioned.

Some 36 pages of the annual include a summary of Masonic points of interest in Costa Rica from 1824 to 1899, when the present Grand Lodge was formed.

G.T.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was opened at Wilmington on the 6th of October, 1937, with M. W. Bro. Harry W. Lowe, Grand Master, in the chair.

There were fifteen Past Grand Masters present.

R. W. Bro. George T. Macklin, Alberta's Representative, was present and later on in the proceedings was elected Grand Master. Congratulations, M. W. Brother.

The following Past Grand Masters answered the final summons: M. W. Bros. Joseph L. Cahall, J. Bayard Hearn and Henry I. Beers. Our deepest sympathy is tendered Delaware.

The Grand Master stressed the need of funds for the Masonic Home. It is hoped that eventually there will be sufficient trust funds that the interest will maintain the Homes. The assets of the Masonic Home amount to \$304,204.87.

The Committee on Research and Education pays tribute to those men who affixed their signatures to the Constitution of the United States one hundred and fifty years ago. It is well for the Craft to remember the founders of a nation, especially when these men were Masons.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Day edited the review of proceedings. He courteously and fraternally reviews Alberta.

Lodges, 22. Members, 5,614. Decrease, 92.

M. W. Bro. George T. Macklin—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson—Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A Stated Communication was held May 12th, 1937. This communication was a purely business one at which reports of various committees were considered. The Grand Master submitted a report and recommendation regarding the presentation of "Fidelity Medals." Some years ago they had instituted 50-Year Gold Buttons, which could be presented to members who had been in good standing for fifty years or more in lodges in their own jurisdiction, since which 88 have been presented. The Fidelity Medal is presented on another plan and is to be made available to each of the constituent lodges which presents the medal to the Master Mason member of its lodge who has been longest a Mason. The medal is given for life and on the death of the member privileged to wear it, it must be returned to the lodge and again presented to the oldest member in point of Masonic service. The Grand Lodge, under this plan, presents to the oldest Mason in the jurisdiction a gold medal, struck from the same die, under the same conditions, that it is returned to Grand Lodge on his death.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on a proposed amendment to the Constitution, forbidding lotteries or any games of chance. The amendment was adopted which deals with all lodges and the members thereof, who are forbidden to indulge in lotteries, etc., themselves, or in association with any body predicated its membership on Masonry.

1937 appears to have been a special anniversary year, so many celebrations have been reported. This Grand Lodge celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States, a well planned and most impressive ceremony being successfully carried out. The organization must have been most efficient and as there were over 5,000 members and 46 lodges concerned, it was no small undertaking. Grand Lodge was opened at 6:15 p.m. on September 16th, in one lodge room. Apparently only the officers, Past Grand Masters and the Grand Masters of the thirteen original states were present, and cordially welcomed. Grand Lodge was then called off, the brethren going to the point designated for them in the parade, while the Grand Master went to the second floor of the Masonic Temple, where the Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of all the lodges assembled with their charters, and opened each one of the 46 lodges in special communication. The members of the lodges had assembled at certain places on the streets, having previously registered and obtained a white apron and a small "Constitution Flag." The parade was formed in divisions, Concordant Orders leading. Music was furnished by twelve bands, while the streets over which the parade moved were illuminated by flares at short intervals. They marched to Constitution Hall, which was filled to the limit of its capacity and overflowed into Continental Hall,

filling both vast auditoriums. On the stage the Grand Lodge Officers and the visiting Grand Masters, also brethren in all branches of Masonry were seated. As each unit entered the hall their American flags were carried to the stage and grouped at the right and left wings by members of the U. S. Coast Guard. There were also in position on the stage silk flags, bearing the coats of arms of the thirteen original states, the lighting of which presented an inspiring scene.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rt. Rev. Bro. James E. Freeman, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington. The Grand Master greeted and then welcomed the assemblage, which was conveyed to the other hall by the public address system. Addresses were given by the Hon. S. Bloom, member of Congress from New York and Director General of the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge, and by Bro. The Hon. Wm. E. Borah, U.S. Senator from Idaho and member of the same commission. Both of these addresses were remarkable, Bro. Bloom speaking along historical lines, while Bro. Borah dealt with constitutional government and the Constitution of the United States. This famous speaker and legislator presented, as might be expected, an address which was both eloquent and convincing as a tribute to the character of the people and their leaders who framed the Constitution, stressing the necessity for its maintenance so that the liberties it guaranteed should not be lost. Anyone who can should endeavor to read this address.

Then each of the Grand Masters of the thirteen original states followed with a short loyal and fraternal address. The proceedings were brought to an end and Grand Lodge closed at 12:01 o'clock a.m., September 17th.

Another ceremonial in connection with the anniversary took place on November 25th. A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Chapel of St. Joseph of Arimathea, Washington Cathedral, Mount St. Alban, at 10:15 a.m. Grand Lodge having been opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, he announced that a national thanksgiving service would take place in the Cathedral, in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Constitution. In order to accommodate the thousands who would be present, special arrangements had to be made and a public address system was installed in the amphitheatre of the Cathedral grounds, as well as in the various Chapels, Crypts and Halls of the Cathedral, where several thousand seats had been provided. A procession was formed, headed by the Clergy of the Cathedral, the Grand Lodge and its invited guests, moving into the Cathedral by the main entrance, where the service was conducted, special prayers being rendered for the Constitution of the United States, its rulers, its courts, the Congress, the country generally and for all nations, finishing with a thanksgiving to Almighty God.

The M. W. the Grand Master then read the first Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation by George Washington. The sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. James E. Freeman, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Washington and Chaplain of Temple-Noyes Lodge No. 32, whose text was taken from St. Luke 12, 48: "Unto whosoever much is given, of him shall be much required." A sermon which was worthy of the occasion.

At the Annual Communication held on December 15th, in his address the Grand Master reported an increase in membership of 100, and spoke of the general revival of interest in Masonry that was taking place,

a charter being granted to a new lodge and a dispensation to form another. He made a few decisions, one of which may be of interest: The question was asked whether or not Masonic burial might properly be given to a brother whose death was expected and who had been dropped N.P.D. in 1934. It was stated that his wife had sent a sum of money to the lodge to be applied on his arrears. He was also asked to decide whether or not, if the brother filed an application for reinstatement and died before a ballot was taken, could the lodge give him Masonic burial. His answer to the first part was no, and in answer to the second part he pointed out that until the lodge has acted favorably by ballot on the petition, "signed by the brother," the brother may not be reinstated, and he is not entitled to a Masonic burial.

The Proceedings are embellished by many photographs of the celebrations which took place, one of which shows the English and Scottish deputations which visited South Carolina and later Washington.

J. H. W. S. K.

ENGLAND

The Annual Grand Festival, presided over by M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Harewood, Pro Grand Master, holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, April 28th, 1937. H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught and Strathearn was proclaimed Grand Master for the thirty-seventh time, and on May 1st the M. W. Pro Grand Master sent him a telegram "on behalf of all English Freemasons," conveying their congratulations and good wishes on his 87th birthday.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 2nd several notable anniversaries were reported. The Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was attended by a special deputation from England, headed by R. W. Bro. General Sir Francis Davies, Deputy Grand Master while the Grand Lodge of Denmark celebrated the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King Christian X of Denmark, with which the United Grand Lodge of England has always had the most friendly relations. The 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was also celebrated this month, but owing to the national events then taking place in England it was not possible to accept the invitation to be represented by a special deputation. Hearty congratulations were sent to both the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Maryland.

The report of the Deputation to South Carolina is printed in full. They were splendidly entertained and had the opportunity of visiting many famous places in South Carolina and neighboring states, from Fort Sumter to Washington. They saw the old lodge room at Alexandria and the chair in which General George Washington sat when Master of that lodge. They also visited the Washington Masonic Memorial, now approaching completion and the house of General Robert E. Lee, the famous Commander-in-Chief of the Confederate Army, and attended a meeting of Hope Lodge No. 20, D.C., where most of the Masters and Wardens of the lodges in that jurisdiction were present. The Union Jack was displayed in the lodge room and the brethren sang two verses of "God Save the King." The next day they were presented to the President of the United States at the White House and had a most gracious reception.

An Especial Grand Lodge was held by command of the M. W. the Grand Master on the 30th of June, 1937, in the Royal Albert Hall, in celebration of the Coronation. Grand Lodge was opened by the M. W. Pro Grand Master, owing to the inability of H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught to attend. A telegram expressing the deep regret of Grand Lodge at the indisposition of the M. W. the Grand Master, and wishes for his complete recovery was sent.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies reported that the M. W. Past Grand Master, His Most Gracious Majesty The King, had arrived. A deputation was formed to escort His Majesty The King into Grand Lodge, where he was conducted to a seat on the right of the M. W. Pro Grand Master, who addressed him extending the hearty fraternal greetings of every brother present and read him a message from the M. W. the Grand Master, in which he expressed the greatest regret that he was unable to be present personally to invest His Majesty The King with the past rank of Grand Master of England, assuring him of the loyalty and devotion of the whole Craft towards his Throne and Person. The Pro Grand Master continued, "There are with us here today representatives of more than 3,500 lodges from all parts of the world. We remember with pride, that Her Majesty The Queen comes from a family which has been associated with Freemasonry for more than two centuries. Your Majesty's acceptance of the rank in Grand Lodge of Past Grand Master, with the insignia of which I am about to invest you on behalf of the M. W. the Grand Master, has given unbounded pleasure to every brother of our jurisdiction and will be an inspiration to them to continue to practise with renewed zeal the great principles of the Order. The honour you have conferred upon the Craft, by graciously consenting to attend this meeting today, will always be remembered by every brother present and we beg to tender to your Majesty our humble and dutiful thanks. In the name and on behalf of the M. W. the Grand Master I now invest you with the collar and jewel of the rank of Past Grand Master and I offer to your Majesty the thanks of the whole Craft for accepting it. (Loud and prolonged cheers)."

His Majesty replied thanking the Pro Grand Master for the fraternal greetings he had extended from Grand Lodge. He was pleased to see so many representatives of lodges in all parts of the Empire and appreciated the good wishes expressed. He referred to his own initiation in 1919, since which he had been greatly interested in his association with Freemasonry, his work as a Provincial Grand Master for over thirteen years and in other directions gave him real pleasure, and he was sorry when it became necessary for him to cease his activities. In this work the Queen also has been interested and attended with him various gatherings, such as the great festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions in 1931. He also expressed his deep regret that their beloved Grand Master was unable to be present and perform the ceremony of investiture himself.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master requested His Majesty to occupy the throne, which he did amidst loud and continuous cheering. The M. W. Pro Grand Master then retired from Grand Lodge and the brethren saluted His Majesty The King according to ancient form and the M. W. Acting Grand Master thanked them for their fraternal greeting. His first Masonic act was to confer Masonic honors on certain brethren on behalf of the M. W. the Grand Master, of whom the first was His Excellency The Hon. Robert W. Bingham, Ambassador of the United States of America at the Court of St. James, who was invested with the rank of Past Grand Warden (Senior).

Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form by the M. W. Acting Grand Master and with solemn prayer. The National Anthem was sung by all the brethren and the M. W. Acting Grand Master, accompanied by the deputations and the Grand Officers retired in procession from Grand Lodge. The attendance totalled 7,966 members.

The September Quarterly Communication was held at Leeds, with the M. W. Pro Grand Master on the throne. A message from the M. W. the Grand Master was read, stating that an agreement between the Grand Lodges concerned in China has been approved after negotiations governing the Masonic Advisory Council in that country, and recommending that intercourse and exchange of representatives between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands, which were suspended on December 6th, 1933, be resumed, upon ratification by the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands of the approval given to this agreement by the Grand Master, and subject to the formal compliance of the Grand Lodges concerned, which is apparently assured. An explanation of the situation followed. Prior to 1930 the Grand Lodges concerned in Masonry in China were those of England, Ireland, Scotland and Massachusetts. In that year certain brethren, mainly of Chinese nationality, made application to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for a warrant for a lodge, and the application was refused. The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands thereupon warranted that lodge and proceeded to warrant others. The consultative council of representatives of the four Grand Lodges concerned was summoned and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was invited to take part in the deliberations. Their co-operation was refused and therefore it was decided in 1933 that these four Grand Lodges should suspend relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Since then negotiations have been resumed and have proceeded in the most friendly manner. As a result the Grand Master of the Philippine Islands agreed to recommend his Grand Lodge to join the Consultative Council in China.

It appears that requests for financial assistance were received by lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges from Abyssinians, who the requests stated, were suffering from an unjust war of aggression. It was pointed out that the relationship of the Italian Government with Abyssinia was a matter of political concern and it would be contrary to Masonic principles for a lodge to support either side in a political dispute. It was therefore stated, "That in many countries our brethren are suffering discredit, owing to the misguided activities of persons wrongfully calling themselves Freemasons. The Grand Lodge of England has never associated itself in any way with such activities and Masters of lodges should be reminded that particular care must be taken in their lodges to avoid any action which could be interpreted as having political bias."

An interesting incident at this communication was the unveiling of a portrait of the M. W. Pro Grand Master and its presentation to Grand Lodge.

At the Quarterly Communication of the first of December, the death of R. W. Bro. Sir Colville Smith, Grand Secretary, was reported with great regret by the M. W. Pro Grand Master, who said that the whole of his life in its prime was devoted to Freemasonry, except a few months at the end when he was without the strength to carry on his heavy Masonic duties. His work for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions was extremely valuable and at Oxford his work "had the

result of bringing into the service of Freemasonry many young men who have developed into useful leaders of Masonic thought and Masonic organization in all parts of the country, and indeed of the world." "During the last twenty years he has been a most energetic and efficient Grand Secretary." During that time the growth of the Craft has been so phenomenal that it would have been impossible for him to cope with the work, without the assistance of a Deputy Grand Secretary. "The loss which the Craft has suffered is one which will long be felt. His name was known and his Masonic fervour was respected wherever our Constitution held sway, and the force of his personality was felt in many countries which he had visited on behalf of the M. W. Grand Master. I am commanded by M. W. Bro. His Majesty The King, to convey to the brethren assembled in Grand Lodge a message of deepest sympathy at the loss which the Craft has suffered."

At this communication, on the recommendation of the M. W. the Grand Master, a new office was instituted, that of Assistant Grand Master, it being found that the responsibilities and duties of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master which were actually performed by command of the M. W. the Grand Master, by the Grand Secretary and which were a severe tax on his strength and time, made it necessary to have a Grand Officer with full power to act in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, who would be able to attend more regularly at Freemasons' Hall than any of the Grand Master's representatives have done in the past and be available for reference when difficult questions arise. He would also be able to receive deputations of Masons of high standing, on behalf of the Grand Master. The foregoing will convey some idea of the wide extent of the work falling on the officers of this Grand Lodge, with its thousands of subordinate lodges in England and throughout the world. The Assistant Grand Master appointed and installed was W. Bro. Brig -Gen. W. H. V. Darell. W. Bro. Sydney A. White was promoted from the office of Deputy Grand Secretary to the office of Grand Secretary and invested as such.

J.H.W.S.K.

FLORIDA 1936

The One Hundred and Seventh Annual. Grand Master M. W. Bro. Harry G. Taylor. Alberta's Representative was present.

The Grand Master read Grand Lodge a lesson on the obligation of Masons to be exemplary in the discharge of their civil responsibilities. He finds no hope of considerably increasing the falling revenues, but rather anticipates a continuance downward. This prompted him to recommend against spending funds even for benevolence which Grand Lodge did not have. A fifty year jewel appealed to him and he referred the idea to the Jurisprudence Committee for a draft of regulations.

The Committee on Work demonstrated their skill by constituting a lodge of Entered Apprentices and conferring the degree upon a candidate.

A touching ceremony was performed when the Grand Tyler was presented with a testimonial diploma mentioning his continuous ser-

vice since 1905. It was signed by all living Grand Master's under whom he had served.

An amendment was adopted permitting dual membership.

A lodge that had too generously granted Life Memberships and later found itself "short" appealed for the right to make "assessments" against life members. The Masonic Jurisprudence Committee pointed out that a Masonic contract is inviolable and that lodges should be more prudent in granting life memberships.

Like so many other Grand Communications, Florida heard an oration on the Constitution of the U.S.A. and the opportunity was taken to impress upon the individual the need of good citizenship.

The Review of Correspondence covers Alberta, 1935, and commends M. W. Bro. Bowes' advice for Masters and prospective Masters. Kindly reference is made to the passing of M. W. Bro. Selwood and his high rank among Grand Correspondents.

Lodges, 270. Membership, 20,300. Decrease, 635.

M. W. Grand Master—Jesse C. Clark.

R. W. Grand Secretary—J. S. B. Moyer.

V.H.M.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert McMillan. Alberta's Representative was marked absent.

Past Grand Master F. O. Miller passed to his Heavenly abode during the year and his memory was paid a beautiful tribute at the opening.

The keynote of the Grand Master's effort throughout his year was his determination "to center my activities in an effort to inspire the Craft as a whole to return to God, realizing that in this way alone could to-day's perplexing problems be solved."

In many Grand Jurisdictions there is evidenced a groping for some constructive way in which Masonry can function to foster and promote international peace and good will. Alabama went so far as to communicate with President Roosevelt. That he spoke beyond his usual reserve in this matter a few nights later at his famous "Fireside Chat" was confirmation to Alabama that he had been impressed, and now we find Georgia recommending to the next Grand Masters' Conference "favoring the appointment of an Ambassador of Good Will from the Grand Lodges of America to the Grand Jurisdictions of Great Britain and such other Jurisdictions on the continent of Europe as may be in existence and functioning."

An increase of 3,000 subscribers to the *Messenger* was effected by reducing the price to 25cents to all lodges subscribing for 100 per cent of members.

Some few years ago as an added business precaution it was required that all checks be countersigned by the Grand Master. It is an irksome

task for anyone and Bro. McMillan recommended that inasmuch as the Secretary and Treasurer were bonded the Grand Master might be excused. His recommendation to effect this was rejected by the good business sense of Grand Lodge. The Jurisprudence Committee said that they thought responsibility for the expenditures should be shared by the Grand Master.

An effort to grant an immigrant Past Master from a neighboring State similar standing in Georgia was turned down as there was "no evidence that he had done anything to earn this honor." While the mood for rejections was on Grand Lodge threw out a resolution attempting to make elective the junior offices of Grand Lodge. A long list of signatures in the nature of a petition failed to impress many. No argument is appended in the Proceedings so one is left to assume it was the same old stock in trade so often advanced for similar action in constituent lodges.

Georgia's Educational Loan Fund is still functioning and helped some 63 worthy students last year. The promotion of the study of the Book of Proverbs among Public School boy students continues, but the boys are slowing up somewhat. Ages range from 9 to 19 and at the end of the term papers are set and prizes of \$200.00 awarded. Despite the dwindling interest the scheme will continue.

Through the generosity of the Union Bag and Paper Company 54 acres of water front land was donated for camp purposes which it is hoped to use for the Orphanage children. And the Ford Motor Company generously donated two bus chassis to be used at the Home.

Disappointment was expressed by the Education Committee that more general use had not been made of the Lodge Plan of Education which had been adopted the previous year. The inertia commonly found in many lodges in this direction should have a little "pressure" applied for their own good and benefit. We know some lodges in Alberta which from sheer laziness have not followed the laid down program.

The Grand Master's ruling that he did not have the authority to make a Mason at sight got the Jurisprudence Committee off on a discussion of the Ancient Landmarks and the nebulous nature of those indefinite things. It finally prompted them to tell this Negro story, as to whether one believed in signs: "Boss, I sho' does believe in signs, and a sign will never fool you, but whenever you sees a sign if you look close you'll gen'ly see another sign what nullifies that first sign." And there you are.

R. W. Brother Carl Claudy was a distinguished visitor whose address we regret was not included in the Proceedings.

Necessitated by economy, Georgia for some years has had to forego the privilege of having a Review of Correspondence by Raymond Daniel. However this year he did write a synopsis of the international Masonic situation which is very enlightening.

Lodges, 510. Members, 38,423. Decrease, 337.

M. W. Grand Master—J. L. Travis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—F. F. Baker.

V.H.M.

IDAHO

Seventieth Annual Communication held at Pocatello, September 8th, 1936. M. W. Bro. Louis R. Scott, Grand Master.

Lodges, 81. Membership, 8,891. Loss, 244.

Alberta was represented by Bro. J. William Wallin, forty-seven Grand Representatives responding to roll call.

In opening his address the Grand Master says: "As the years roll on, our Fraternity extends itself, taking on more varied activities, becoming more solidly established in the hearts of men, its influence recognized as the one means available for the realization all over the world of those aspects of internationalism which all agree are desirable. . . .". Which may be good rhetoric, but in our humble opinion sadly removed from fact.

Amendments to By-laws reducing initiation fees and dues seem to indicate that economic pressure in parts of Idaho is still heavy.

We observe that Idaho wisely controls temple building by the constituent lodges by insisting upon plans for building and financing being approved by Grand Lodge before the project begins.

The Grand Master's address covers for the most part items of interest to his own brethren only but some of his closing comments we quote as evidence that thinking men are really wondering where Masonry is headed:

"Maybe the time has come for Masonry to restate and relive something of its objective and purpose of its existence. In my mind it needs a revival, a revival of these fundamental precepts and principles that made for the promulgating of the seven liberal arts and sciences. No organization is justified in its existence to-day unless it has a definite contribution to offer, not only to itself, but through its existence to the world at large."

"We should meet the crisis of our modern day and civilization by a renewed avowal to carry out by precept and example a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry."

"I am convinced that now we are in the process of a definite revolution in our social, economic, and political systems; and it seems a most opportune time for someone to see that the needed elements for a new civilization are not found wanting."

We believe M. W. Bro. Scott has touched upon Freemasonry's greatest problem at the present time, but quite frankly we have failed to find even the indication of an attempt to grapple with it. Meantime our numbers dwindle, interest wanes and internationally Grand Lodges crumble one after another under ruthless force.

In the promotion of Masonic Education Idaho uses the "Short Talk Bulletins" prepared by the Masonic Service Association, and results are reported to be "quite satisfactory."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of Bro. Percy Jones is much abbreviated topical reference. Nothing in Alberta's Proceedings seems to have caught the commentator's eye.

Recognition was granted the Grand Lodge of Guatemala.

Idaho's "Standards of Recognition" appear in full. They appear to be about the same as our own.

As a Scot we resent one of the "Personal Comments of the Grand Secretary" and suggest that "Scotch" is *not* synonymous with the strict economy or parsimoniousness he infers. Scottish Brethren are a bit fed up with this petty libel on a gracious people and we are somewhat surprised to meet it occasionally in Masonic Proceedings of all places!

M. W. Grand Master—Wm. H. Thompson, Burley.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Curtis F. Pike, Boise.

A. M. M.

ILLINOIS

The Ninety-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the City of Chicago on the 12th of October, 1937, with the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Hal C. McLoud, presiding.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Ten Past Grand Masters were present. Distinguished visitors from Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Victoria, Australia, York Grand Lodge of Mexico, Iowa and New Jersey were received. W. Bro. Ben E. Sincere, Alberta's Representative was present.

The Grand Lodge will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on April the 6th, 1940. A committee was appointed to make suitable arrangements for this event.

The following decisions were handed out by the Grand Master:

"Question: May a lodge, while opening on the three degrees of Freemasonry at the time set in its by-laws for a stated meeting, admit a candidate for examination as to his proficiency in the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degree?

"Answer: Code 216 expressly permits examination of candidates for degrees at a special meeting, but no code prohibits such examination at the opening of a lodge on the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree before the lodge is finally opened on the Master Mason degree for a stated meeting. Code 221 specifies that nothing shall be done in any lodge while opened on the first or second degree except what appertains to the work and lectures of those degrees, etc. Examination of a candidate for advancement is not work. It is a ceremony which may properly be permitted while opened on the first or second degree and prior to the opening of the lodge on the third degree at a stated meeting."

"Question: How would an Entered Apprentice, expelled from his lodge and reinstated to good standing in the Fraternity as an Entered Apprentice by Grand Lodge, proceed to receive the remaining degrees?

"Answer: The lodge petitioned for its recommendation for reinstatement from sentence of expulsion does not acquire jurisdiction over their former candidate by such petition. When reinstated by Grand Lodge to good standing in the Fraternity as an Entered Apprentice, the candidate may petition for the remaining degrees to any lodge having territorial jurisdiction over him as specified in Code 275 for original petitions for degrees."

"Question: May a lodge transport one of its candidates outside the boundary of the lodge's territorial jurisdiction and there confer a degree in the fraternal pilgrimage?"

"Answer: Code 231 definitely limits the right of any Master of an Illinois lodge to call a meeting of his lodge in any hall outside the city or village in which the lodge is chartered and customarily holds its meetings. Fraternal pilgrimages are not discouraged, for they have an interesting place in the program of the lodge, for the work must be exemplified upon substitute candidates if done outside the limits of the lodge's jurisdiction, or upon a candidate of the lodge visited in the pilgrimage."

We excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"Recently there came to my attention a charge that liquor was being sold, in certain Masonic premises, by persons leasing from the Temple Association the rooms thus used.

"'Who steals my purse steals trash. 'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands, but he who filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him and makes me poor indeed.'

"This jeopardizing of the good name of the fraternity in this case I ordered discontinued immediately and I am reliably informed that the condition complained of no longer exists."

Two lodges were consolidated. Two corner stones were laid. One new lodge was instituted. The brethren of Illinois contributed \$55,-514.96 to the Ohio River Flood Relief.

A splendid Report on Foreign Jurisdictions appears but too lengthy to include in this review. Altogether this is a splendid volume.

Illinois maintains an Orphan's Home.

M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach very courteously and generously reviews Alberta.

Lodges, 999. Members, 209,702. Decrease, 8,367;

M. W. Bro. Everett L. Lawrence—Grand Master;

M. W. Bro. Richard C. Davenport—Grand Secretary;

M. M. D.

INDIANA

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held in Indianapolis on the 25th of May, 1937, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Wilson, on the throne.

Alberta's Representative, M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz, who is also Grand Secretary, was present.

The volume contains a splendid Masonic address by W. Bro. Samuel B. Pettingill, who is a Representative in the United States Congress. We commend that to our Alberta readers.

An inspiring note was struck in the Grand Master's address. We excerpt as follows:

"And that it can be stated that many circumstances indicate a revival among our members, and of the people at large, of the conviction that our institution is invaluable to its members and of great value and assistance to the progress of our great state. This renewed interest is evidenced by the high class of the new membership being gained throughout the state, and by the many demands made upon the Grand Lodge to take part in corner stone layings and the dedication of Masonic Halls, as well as by the spirit of genuine enthusiasm manifested at Masonic meetings and banquets where the brethren meet with renewed interest in each other's welfare."

Indiana lost some of its stalwarts in Masonry this past year. Four Past Grand Masters, among them the Grand Treasurer, were called to higher labors.

The Grand Lecturer in his reports disclosed that a very unsatisfactory condition existed in a number of lodges. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations considered the various matters and recommended consolidation in some cases and probation in others. Among the lodges ordered to consolidate was Downey Lodge.

On Rituals, we excerpt:

"While the ban on spurious rituals has been reasonably enforced, yet there is no doubt that many such exist, and are quietly circulated. It is hoped that all members, knowing where such rituals exist, will endeavor to persuade those holding them to destroy them, and never allow them to be found by children or non-Masons, to the scandal of the Fraternity, and lessening of the respect due to Masonic ideals of secrecy."

On Sunday Observance, we excerpt:

"A number of requests were made by lodges to hold meetings of Masons and families on the Sabbath, with no stands or games, and all to be conducted with strict decorum and regard for the proprieties belonging to that day.

"I ruled in all cases that this could not be allowed, and feel that tradition and Masonic custom forbid such gatherings, regardless of how harmless the conduct intended, as we can not do so without being wrongfully accused of sanctioning meetings to take church members and attendants thereof and Sunday School workers away from a work which is encouraged by all Masons as beneficial to all engaged therein."

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters as well as the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

The Grand Master came out very firmly on "political discussions" and ruled that Socialism and Communism were forms of political thought.

Eleven corner stones were laid by the Grand Master, ten public buildings and one church.

The average membership of a lodge is 194. 6% of the lodges have under fifty members, 31% have between 50 and 100 members, 36% have between 100 and 200 members while 27% have over 200 members. The largest membership was 1,745.

Three lodges surrendered their charters. Recognition was withdrawn from the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Roumania and United Roumanian Freemasonry was recognized.

\$3,010.00 was subscribed and paid out to Flood Relief sufferers.

The Annual Expenditure in connection with the Indiana Masonic Home was \$164,471.98. 55% of this amount was spent on fuel, provisions and salaries.

Lodges, 555. Members, 107,738. Decrease, 2,559.

M. W. Bro. D. Burns Douglass—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. William H. Swintz—Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

IOWA

Ninety-fourth Annual Communication, June 8th, 9th and 10th, 1937.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa appears to do everything in a big way. Thus the biographical sketch of Grand Master Tom Bentley Throckmorton covers six pages, his address takes seventy pages, the Proceedings proper nearly four hundred and fifty, while the whole volume runs to about seven hundred and twenty-five. Altogether a formidable tome. We wonder how much will be read in the various lodges.

What are called "Public Exercises" were held prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. These included an Invocation, Address of Welcome on behalf of the City of Cedar Rapids, the Response thereto, Presentation of the Representatives of the O.E.S., Informal Presentation of Distinguished Guests, and even the Presentation of M. W. Bro. Tom B. Throckmorton, Grand Master. The plan has merit.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form in the Shrine Temple, Cedar Rapids, by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master recalled that just twenty years from the day on which he had been made a Mason he had been elected to the high office of Grand Master.

The record of the work accomplished during the year is a long one. On the occasion of his official visitation to this home Lodge, Capital No. 110, he had the pleasure of raising his own son to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. This pleasure enters into the lives of very few Grand Masters, and no wonder that M. W. Bro. Throckmorton said that it was the high-water mark—the *ne plus ultra* of his Masonic career.

All the Dispensations were approved, as were the Opinions, or Rulings, with one or two limitations.

The position of Grand Master in Iowa is no sinecure. Among other duties he is called upon to sign vouchers, sometimes five hundred at one time. During the year he must sign nearly three thousand, which takes both time and effort. Wishing to make the road a little less difficult for his successors he suggested that a rubber stamp might be used. But his "beau geste," as he described it, did not find favour with the Com-

mittee. Rubber stamps have come to have a rather sinister signification in general.

We would like to set forth at length the Conclusion—it amounts to a peroration—of the Grand Master's Address, but space forbids. We extract, however, the following:

"For the past twenty-three years the world has been in a chaotic state. Governments have crumbled and fallen. Liberty is crumbling over two-thirds of the world. Democracies no longer exist except among the Anglo-Saxon speaking peoples. The heel of the despot, the sword of the tyrant and the iron fist of the dictator have crushed the peoples of Europe, and have reduced them to a state of servility. Only on the soil of a democratic form of government can Freemasonry grow and flourish. The Masons of war-ridden Europe no longer are privileged to meet as we do in America. A distinct challenge to democracy was made in Central Europe within the last quarter of a century, and as a result of this challenge, democracy has become almost extinct. And the sad part of it all, my brethren, is the fact that the democratic form of government of these United States is being challenged at this very hour by insidious forces at work among our people which would destroy this government of laws which was bought at so great a price by the blood of patriotic men and the tears of sacrificing women.

"Our Masonic forefathers handed down to us a government conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal, and are endowed with certain inalienable rights, such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. *We, as a nation, are at the cross-roads.* The all important question of the hour is, shall this government, under whose protecting flag we have lived so happily all our lives, continue as a government of laws, or shall this government—the rich heritage of our Masonic forbears—become a government run and controlled by men? If we are to remain true to the trust of our Masonic compatriots who fought, bled and died that we and our children might inherit the blessings of liberty, freedom, and the right to pursue our daily lives untrammelled by the despot and the dictator, let us, in the name of the Great Jehovah—the God of our Fathers—consider our duty as men and as Masons. Let us meet the emergency of the present hour squarely and unafraid, with hearts open to conviction, and with minds unprejudiced and unbiassed to the facts as they are. Let me warn you not to heed the siren song of the Lorelei nor the ingratiating words of any man who first would seek favour with you, and then destroy your personal liberties, for to heed these things will lead you into paths far divergent from the straight and narrow way along which the people of this nation have trod for 150 years, and which in the end you will find to be blind alleys from which no escape is possible except that which is instituted by force. It is my honest opinion that in America the first steps now are being taken toward the type of government and society that has been set up in several European countries, and which is called "dictatorship."

It is no wonder that the Committee on the Address described it as "a literary document; the work of a Master of the Craft."

The net loss during the year was 1,381, and the membership now stands at 72,131. The lodge membership varies greatly, running from over 1,200 down to 9.

Two hundred and ninety-five dependent children were taken under the care of the Craft during the year. Grand Lodge has reason to be proud of its record along charitable lines.

The Constitution as revised was unanimously adopted.

The Fraternal Review is the work of Brother Ernest P. Moore, P.G.M., of Cedar Rapids, and is one of the most voluminous that we have seen. All Grand Jurisdictions noted have received generous treatment, and their proceedings carefully noted. Alberta was fully written up, with the occasional comment.

M. W. Grand Master—Harry Austin Palmer, Cedar Rapids.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles C. Hunt, Cedar Rapids.

C.V.B.

IRELAND

St. John's Day meeting of 1937. The R. W. the Deputy Grand Master, addressing Grand Lodge, deeply regretted the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, The Earl of Donoughmore, who fully intended to come, but only a few days previously had to change his plans owing to illness. He then spoke of the Coronation as the outstanding event of the past year in the English speaking world. Grand Lodge had sent a resolution, congratulating their Majesties on the happy occasion, assuring them of the wholehearted devotion of Irish Freemasons, not only in Ireland but all over the world, to their Majesties and their Royal House.

In the Masonic world undoubtedly the outstanding event was the installation of His Majesty The King as Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and he describes the scene in the Albert Hall, where the ceremony took place. The King having been installed, presided over Grand Lodge with dignity and finally closed it, carrying out the ancient ritual with perfect precision and in that dignified manner which one would expect from a member of his august family.

The October meeting of Grand Lodge was held this year for the first time at Waterford, the Grand Master presiding in person. The meeting was most successful and very largely attended.

During the past year R. W. Bro. Col. King-Harman, D.G.M., visited South Africa and was able to go to some of the centres of Irish Freemasonry there. He was much impressed by the good working that he saw and was pleased with the perfect harmony that prevails amongst the brethren of the four constitutions which meet there. In another far off corner of the world considerable anxiety was felt for the welfare of the brethren in Lodge Erin, Shanghai. One of the brethren had been wounded, but from last reports he had completely recovered. In one letter the writer says that their October meeting was held to the accompaniment of the sound of gun-fire, but they intended to meet again next month for their usual installation. He reported, however, that business was at a standstill and many calls were being made on their local Masonic charities, towards which Irish Masons there are giving their full support.

This Grand Lodge has granted travelling warrants for regiments in His Majesty's army, four of which make reports in these Proceedings.

The Deputy Grand Master reports much activity in the lodges in Ireland. There has been a considerable influx of candidates through the year and he states with regard to the three great charities, which are supported by Irish Freemasons, that they have done very well, although subscriptions show a slight drop. During the year their Golden Jubilee Fund was closed with a total of £4,600 collected. He closed his address with a tribute to the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Henry C. Shellard, whose photograph adorns the printed Proceedings.

There are numerous reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges, all of which are encouraging and optimistic. An interesting event was the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and several brethren to the Kynaston Studd Lodge No. 5416, E.C., London, by special invitation. These brethren gave an exemplification of the "Opening, Calling up to the degree of M. M. and the conferring of that degree, also Calling down and closing a lodge, according to the working under the Irish Constitution."

The Masonic Benevolent Institution's report is most interesting, while the summary of subscriptions indicates the great interest taken by all members in their schools.

J.H.W.S.K.

KANSAS

Eighty-first Annual Communication held at Wichita, February 17th, 1937. M. W. Bro. James H. Wendorff, Grand Master.

Lodges, 447. Membership, 62,557. Loss, 1,268.

Alberta was represented by W. Bro. Leo. N. Gish, Grand Representative.

In the preamble to the Grand Master's address there are several arresting sentences. We quote two:

"We are living in a rapidly changing age, and we should guard with jealous concern our inestimable heritage of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

"Masonry desires to make men good men, and good men better men, but if we are not surrounded by suitable environment all our efforts will be in vain."

The passing of one Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Marion K. Brundage, is sympathetically recorded.

A dispensation was issued to a lodge to hold a special open air communication and the meeting, exemplifying the Master Mason degree was attended by the Grand Master himself and the degree conferred by a Past Grand Master.

Laying of corner stones of five public buildings is recorded.

Commenting on the loss in membership the Grand Master says:

"Notwithstanding this loss I believe that Masonry in Kansas is on the upward trend. A firmer and more positive spirit seems to exist among the members, and the Craft seems to be inspired with a stronger determination to uphold and sustain the reputation of the Order.

. . . ." "I am impelled to believe that while we may have sustained loss in numbers we have made up in fellowship and enthusiasm during the year. . . ." Which is a nice optimistic note anyway.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Colombia in Bogota is deferred "until such time as Masonic affairs are in a more settled condition in that country."

Another straw indicating the present wind of inquiry as to the future of Freemasonry appears in the Oration of Bro. Howard T. Hill. For the most part the questions and answers are orthodox but here and there a sentence or a phrase catches one's sharply focussed attention. Here is one sample:

"It is not therefore what Masons think nor what institutionalized fraternity resolves, that will shape the course of history ahead. It is what individual men do and what they demand to be done. That deed and that demand unified, organized, powered by fraternal and religious institutions, will be effective only as it is fearlessly applied to the pertinent needs of a people, whether in prosperity or in peril."

From the Report of the Committee on Trials and Punishments we quote a word of warning given often but always apparently necessary:

"In our commendable zeal for restoring the Order to an era of normal growth, let us, without self-righteous hypocrisy, but, nevertheless, with the utmost care, appraise the qualifications of those who would enter."

The Review of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions is again somewhat abbreviated, but Alberta receives as always a generous assignment. We regret the slip in Bro. Wilson's name but "a rose by any other name. . . ."

Eighty-second Annual Communication to be held at Topeka, February 16th, and 17th, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Charley B. Erskine, Cimmaron.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

A.M.M.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Annual Communication was held October 19, 1937, at Louisville. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Innes B. Ross, presided.

The Grand Master's address is one of the most lengthy we have ever read, completely covering his work as Grand Master. That he accomplished it all is a matter for our admiration. The outstanding event of his year was the great flood of 1937, in which Kentucky was probably the chief sufferer of all the states drained by the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. His description of the destruction wrought by the waters gives one some idea of the appalling losses sustained. 23,000 Masons resided in the affected area, together with their families, which at an average of three, amounted to 69,000 souls and Kentucky's loss was estimated at \$192,000,000.00. It was a terrible catastrophe and came at a time when business was improving and everyone feeling

optimistic, making the set back doubly hard to bear. He speaks with gratitude of the way in which the Grand Lodges throughout the United States, even to the Philippine Islands, immediately by wire sent him words of cheer and sympathy, and tendering assistance. He immediately appointed a Relief Committee to receive and disburse money and property for the relief of Masons and their families, and issued a proclamation to all lodges stating the urgency of the case and requesting contributions from lodges and members. A total of \$34,722.51 was received and disbursed by the Masonic Relief Committee.

In honor of the Sesquicentennial of the signing of the Constitution of the United States he issued a proclamation to all lodges in his jurisdiction to set aside a part of the stated communication during the month of September, 1937, or hold a special communication on September 17th, for the purpose of honoring the signers of the Constitution and expressing their gratitude for the political, civil and religious liberties they enjoy under its benign influence and the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of assisting the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in dedicating a monument erected to the memory of the first Grand Master of Wisconsin, M. W. Bro. Rev. B. T. Kavanaugh, who was made a Mason in Kentucky in 1840, but removed to Wisconsin where he assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge, later returning to Kentucky, where he died in 1888 and was buried at Mt. Sterling.

He spoke of the great and signal honor conferred on the Grand Lodge of Kentucky by H. M. King George VI, P.G.M., when he invested W. Bro. His Excellency Robt. W. Bingham, the American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, as Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of England, and states that Bro. Bingham is a member of Falls City Lodge No. 376, Louisville, and one of their outstanding Masons.

He visited a very large number of his lodges, his notes regarding them filling several pages. He attended one remarkable meeting in the caverns of the world famed Mammoth Cave. Invitations had been broadcast to the Masons of Kentucky, who attended to the number of nearly a thousand, 121 lodges being represented. "The descent into the cave and the travel of a mile through its cavernous depths, now beneath the low hanging rocks and now in the mighty vaulted chambers, suggestive of great cathedrals . . . had a tendency to fill one with both a feeling of being engaged in some lark or that he was moving on to some strange and unusual experience."

He must have spent much time and correspondence with decisions on very numerous questions asked by lodges and members, practically all of which were covered by their Code and regulations. These decisions and questions probably were the reason for his recommendation to Grand Lodge that the Rulings of Grand Masters which had been approved by Grand Lodge should be codified and distributed to the lodges. To this writer it is interesting to note the close agreement there is between the Code and regulations of this Grand Lodge and the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Report of the Committee on Correspondence has been completed by W. Bro. Chester D. Adams, a member of the committee, who finished the work commenced by the Chairman, M. W. Bro. G.

Allison Holland, P.G.M., who passed away in July, 1937, and who will be greatly missed by his brother scribes.

Alberta for 1936 receives recognition: All the reviews are brief, but as Bro. Adams says, "They will help the brethren to get some idea of the vastness and importance of the work of the Craft, and help us to realize that we are brothers of a fraternity that is helping to make history, to care for the needy and suffering and build character."

J.H.W.S.K.

LOUISIANA

The One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was held in the City of New Orleans with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert F. Kennon, on the throne.

There were fourteen Past Grand Masters present.

Louisiana suffered the loss of M. W. Bros. Philip G. Ricks and J. Paul Haller. This Grand Lodge also mourns the death of its Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Samuel G. Gainsburgh.

There is no review of the Proceedings of various Grand Lodges, but W. Bro. Rudolph Latzko made a general report of activities throughout the world, giving it more of a topical form than reference to any particular jurisdiction.

We excerpt from this report:

"Another Masonic principle appears to be due for revision—the exclusion of all discussions of politics in Masonic gatherings. Attention is called to the increasing tendency to implant Communism and other "isms", which attack the very principles of our Order, into the hearts and minds of our people. M. W. Grand Master Eugene D. Thomas, in a letter to the Masters of the Georgia lodges, points out that the adherents to Communism, which is founded on the hatred of God, the destruction of home and the overthrow of government, are securing admission into Masonry for the purpose of spreading their propaganda. Is it not time then to give thought to the advisability of such political discussions in the lodges, where necessary, as will tend to combat these sinister influences?

"It is imperative to fight Communism, which considers all humans to be on a par with animals to whom food and shelter shall be accorded, but which negates completely and suppresses personal, political and religious liberty, the dignity of marriage, and family relations and home."

Referring to the George Washington Memorial, we quote from Bro. Latzko's report:

"One of the saddest consequences of the prolonged financial stringency is the forced interruption of the completion of the George Washington Memorial Temple at Alexandria, Va. In 1918, when this edifice was contemplated (the corner stone was laid on November 1st, 1923), an assessment of \$1.70 per member of all U.S. Grand Lodges --\$1.00 for the building and 70c for a maintenance fund—was thought to suffice, and the collection of same seemed assured. However, only ten Grand Lodges remitted in full, a few contributing more than their

quota, one as much as \$3.00 per member, but most of our Grand Lodges are far behind in their remittances for this purpose.

"There is a considerable difference of opinion by Masonic observers as to the amount still needed, ranging from \$333,000.00 (Maine's estimate) to \$1,500,000.00 (Florida) to assure the completion and maintenance of the Memorial. Practically no work has been done for three years; while the outer walls are up, most of the interior presents a desolate appearance. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York expressed his feelings:

" 'The uncompleted condition of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Temple stands as a blot on the escutcheon of Freemasonry in this country. It is now not an emblem and symbol of Freemasons' admiration and devotion to the immortal Washington, but rather a symbol of defeat.' "

Louisiana recognized the Grand Lodge of Vienna, Austria, as well as two of the Grand Lodges in Brazil.

A committee was appointed to consider a simplified funeral service. Alberta attended to this a year ago.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved, That whenever used within the body of a lodge, the Flag shall be displayed in the manner prescribed in the Manuals issued by the United States Government, and that salutation shall be in accordance thereto.

"To-wit: The Flag shall be displayed from the highest elevation and to the right of the Worshipful Master.

"Salute shall be by covering the heart with right hand and extending hand outward."

Lodges, 251. Membership, 20,947. Decrease, 659.

M. W. Bro. Archie T. Higgins—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. D. Peter Laguens—Grand Secretary.

M. M. D.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine was held in the City of Portland on Tuesday, May 4th, 1937, with M. W. Bro. Henry R. Gillis, Grand Master, presiding.

This communication was favored with a number of distinguished brethren from jurisdictions close by, including the Grand Secretary and Past Grand Registrar from Quebec.

A unique feature of this communication was the rededicating of the Rhode Island Bible. This volume has been presented to over 50 per cent of the Grand Lodges of the United States and dedicated by each Grand Body, thus expressing the fraternal fellowship and the high ideals of the Masonic Fraternity.

The Grand Master gives an account of his stewardship in his address to Grand Lodge and while a loss in membership is disclosed this does not give him any cause to feel despondent as the trend is towards a more selected membership.

Attention is drawn to the matter of gambling and the use of lotteries for the purpose of raising funds for charitable purposes and lodges are warned against such practices. To quote the Grand Master:

"When it is considered that conditions exist which require any Masonic organization to depend in whole or in part upon receipt of funds from such sources for charitable purposes the time for the termination of its existence is clearly in sight."

Maine follows the system of Relief practiced by our own Grand Lodge and during the year spent \$25,817.31 which with a sum of some \$12,654.00 granted by the lodges indicates that the distressed brethren in Maine were well taken care of.

We are pleased to note that the representative of Alberta was present and able to present the greetings of this Grand Lodge.

A serious loss to Masonic Education in the State of Maine was suffered in the death of R. W. Bro. S. B. Furbish, Deputy Grand Master and a Grand Lecturer for many years. Under his guidance Masonic Education was given quite an impetus, and on the foundations laid by him material progress in this line of endeavour is noted by the Grand Master.

From the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence we learn that a number of applications for recognition from Grand Lodges of several states of Brazil were received and held over for further investigation. However, recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and an exchange of representatives completed.

The liberal granting of dispensations by the Grand Master to confer degrees out of time is very much deprecated by the Committee of Jurisprudence and a plea is made that the constitutional requirements be adhered to.

Instead of the usual "Foreword" in the report of Correspondence, Bro. Ashley A. Smith has adopted a number of Masonic Parables and we should like to reproduce them all for they are well worth reading and very much to the point. Alberta for 1936 receives very generous treatment at the hands of the reviewer, all the essential features being noted. We thank him for his kind references.

M. W. Grand Master—Henry R. Gillis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Convers E. Leach.

W.I.

MANITOBA

An Emergent Meeting of Grand Lodge was held at Winnipeg on 26th September, 1936, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the pedestal for the statue of Bro. Robert Burns, the Scottish Poet, and the ceremony was carried out with the solemnities appropriate to the occasion. In his oration Bro. Rev. W. Gordon mentioned that

Burns was admitted in St. James Tarbolton Lodge No. 178 on July 4th, 1781, and the lodge still preserves the mallet used by Burns when presiding.

The Annual Communication was held at Brandon on the 9th June, 1937, the Grand Master presiding.

The Grand Master of Saskatchewan and the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary of North Dakota were introduced and received with Grand Honours.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Kerr.

The Grand Master's address is principally a resume of his year's activities. He attended all the district meetings and paid thirty-nine visits to other lodges—somewhat of a record we would think in such a far-flung jurisdiction as Manitoba.

Twenty-seven medals were presented to members who had had fifty years continuous membership in the Order, twenty-five years of which within Manitoba.

In discussing "liberty" the Grand Master quotes from an address delivered by R. W. Bro. Rev. Joseph F. Newton. Part of it is so timely as to bear quotation here.

"Today, Brethren, is the winter of liberty in the world. The Italian dictator tells us plainly that liberty is dead and ought to be interred. All the new ideas of the functions of a state are founded upon one common idea, the denial of liberty, not as a temporary expedient but as a final principle.

"As Freemasons who love liberty we are the men to be deeply concerned about this, for when liberty goes everything goes, and Freemasonry is one of the first. The first thing a dictator does is to close all Masonic lodges."

The Grand Master makes this comment:

"We cannot afford to be indifferent in these days. Thank God we have our liberty. Let us see to it that we keep it and should occasion arise that we know how to defend it."

In the Report of the Board of General Purposes we note that one lodge surrendered its charter on account of failing membership and uncertain conditions.

A committee is working on a revision of the Constitution.

The Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is a cold analysis of the situation in Manitoba. From the standpoint of facts and figures it is not a bright report, but since everything is relative the committee is able to sum up the situation with the words, "We have at least held our own. In these trying times that is, in our opinion, a notable achievement."

The usual reports from the District Deputy Grand Masters while purely of local interest indicate that these hardworking officials were on the job. In Manitoba, as elsewhere, the main problems are—dues and attendance.

We regret very much that Manitoba suffered a loss of revenue amounting to \$450.00 through its investment in Alberta Bonds. We express the hope that the loss will only be temporary.

Over \$9,000.00 was expended on benevolence.

Recognition of The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany in Exile was refused. The committee recommended the establishment of fraternal relations with The Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

A net loss of 209 in membership is reported.

A remarkable address was given by M. W. Bro. Stockwell, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. We heartily recommend its perusal and study.

Alberta receives kindly mention in the Masonic reviews.

G. M. B.

MARYLAND

The Grand Lodge of Maryland like other Grand Lodges in the United States celebrated important anniversaries in 1937 and they made a very special effort to mark the 150th Anniversary of their own Grand Lodge, which they celebrated on May 18th. Owing to illness in his family, the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Harry B. Wright, was not able to preside, but prior to this date, on May 16th, a reception was held in the Corinthian Hall Grand Lodge Room at which about 1,500 persons attended. On Monday, May 17th, the visitors were taken for a sight-seeing tour of historic Baltimore and then to Annapolis. A banquet was held in the evening at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, at which one of the speakers was The Hon. Bro. Clifton A. Woodrum, whose address is very fully reported.

The 151st Annual Communication was held at Baltimore on November 16th and 17th, 1937, with M. W. Bro. Harry B. Wright, Grand Master, presiding.

In his address he reported the death of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Livingston, the senior of their only two living Past Grand Masters, who died October 16th. He was Grand Master during the years 1932, 1933 and 1934. His Masonic record is an impressive one and he was a zealous worker for his lodge and Grand Lodge and an excellent ritualist.

A net loss of 552 in membership for the year is reported, which is 200 less than last year, and the Grand Master says there appears to be a slow but steady increase in applicants and he believes that the increasing interest in the membership is due very largely to the work of the Grand and District Grand Inspectors. He made a large number of visits to his own lodges and to other jurisdictions and was a busy man during his year of office. With great regret he caused the arrest of the charter of a lodge for violation of the Constitution, in holding a public entertainment in the form of a picnic under the auspices and name of the lodge and which was publicly advertised, being expressly prohibited by the Constitution. The picnic was held on a Sunday, which was also a violation of their Code, and contrary to the attitude taken by Grand Lodge on Sunday observances. Furthermore, small balloons

bearing the name and number of the lodge, A.F. & A.M., and also an advertisement of a well known brand of whiskey, were distributed to the children, so it would appear that the Grand Master's action was justifiable.

Their Masonic Home at Bonnie Blink, as always, occupies a large portion of the Grand Master's address and the jurisdiction as a whole takes very great interest in the Home and its development. There are some excellent pictures showing the beauty of the surroundings and the comfortable equipment of the interior. The total number of residents is now 76.

M. W. Bro. Harry B. Wright was re-elected Grand Master.

J.H.W.S.K.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO 1936

Seventy-sixth Annual. Grand Master Walter S. Turnpugh. Alberta's Representative was present.

Owing to the attitude of the Mexican Government toward foreign business in Mexico there is little influx of material eligible for membership within the Craft. Despite this the program of activity indicates a compensating closely knit membership.

From the Grand Master's address: "I respectfully suggest to my successor that he only name D.D.G.M.'s to such offices after they have personally or in writing assured him that they are in harmony with the educational program adopted and that they agree to actively and actually support and promote the educational program. . . . Our Educational Committee may be properly likened to the General Staff of an Army; it can devise ways and means or present plans, which if carried out by whole hearted co-operation and spontaneous support and response on the part of the rank and file will surely win the battle." The Lodge Plan of Education is being used.

Among the Grand Master's recommendations:

1. That Grand Lodge minutes be read before the close of a communication.
2. That the Grand Lodge per capita be raised to the equivalent of \$1.00 (American).
3. That the principle of a 50 year button be adopted and names of those eligible be ascertained and they to be presented with same when an officer of Grand Lodge shall visit their nearest lodge.
4. That the Foreign Relations Committee open negotiations with the Grand Lodge of Sweden seeking recognition.

This compliment was paid Saskatchewan: "We recommend the Educational Program of Saskatchewan. We consider it particularly good. They require that at least twenty minutes of each meeting be devoted to educational work and encourage Lodges of Exemplification, in which symbolism and so on are explained as the degree progresses."

An interesting Review of Correspondence finds Alberta covered by the Grand Representative.

M. W. Grand Master—Maurice H. Kayser.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Fred T. Berger.

Lodges 15. Members, 727. Loss, 38.

V.H.M.

MINNESOTA

Eighty-fourth Annual Communication held at St. Paul, January 20th, 1937. R. W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, Acting Grand Master.

Lodges, 304. Membership, 50, 339. Loss, 1,222.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Simon, our faithful Grand Representative.

Death took heavy toll in Minnesota when the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and three Past Grand Masters went forth on the last pilgrimage. The lapse of time since these sad events may make words of sympathy seem idle, but as Brethren of the Mystic Tie we feel we must not fail to offer condolence in so heavy losses to Masonic life in the state of Minnesota.

The address is from the pen of the Acting Grand Master and is of necessity brief and of primary interest to the brethren of his own jurisdiction.

One decision given is likely to be required elsewhere in future. A distinguished visitor from Germany was refused the right of visitation because there are no Grand Lodges in Germany, thanks to Herr Hitler, and consequently non-recognized by Minnesota. The visitor is, therefore, technically, if not in fact, clandestine. We cannot, of course, quarrel with the Acting Grand Master's decision, but wonder how many German Masons in North America may have to accept re-initiation into Masonry as the only way to resume Masonic fellowship.

We observe with high interest an exercise in practical citizenship when Grand Lodge as a body co-operates with the Minnesota Public Safety Committee by circularizing the lodges asking help in a campaign aimed at reducing accidents on the streets and highways. The incident in itself may seem almost trivial but we wager there was some head shaking among the old brigade over Grand Lodge thus taking "political" (or should it be religious) action contrary to "landmark number 78654b". To see a Grand Lodge doing something unselfish to show its face as a body vitally interested in public welfare is so refreshing that this reviewer makes no apology for its mention.

The Grand Oration is by Bro. Lou F. N. McWhorter. It bears no title but the "text" is: "Let us consider the nature of promises and the character of men who make them." Promises and keeping or repudiation in three fields, Business, Government and Religion are considered in fine philosophic vein. Under religion is grouped the promises of Speculative Freemasonry and as a sample of the whole we quote the concluding paragraph as something for you to think about:

"It seems to me most obvious that to-day a Mason worthy of the name may lay away as a happy memory and a scared treasure, the ceremonies, the lectures and the vows in which he has participated, and, holding only the fellowships which he has made, form daily, new judgments and new opinions, establish new decisions and new convictions, and formulate new purposes to meet the new and ever changing conditions and circumstances of his life, of the life of his fellowmen, of his community, and of the society of which he is a member; and then, kneeling or standing at the altar of his active conscience, he will say:

"I, a Master Mason of my own free will and accord, in the presence of Almighty God and my fellow men, do upon the accumulated symbols

of faith, integrity and brotherly love, illuminated by a steadfast purpose, most solemnly and sincerely promise and vow that I will pledge to perform, in the crises of my life, only those things which I am able to do, and which my opinion, my conviction, and my purpose teach me to be right, honorable and true, and of profit to mankind. And, having 'once assumed these vows, I will never fail to keep them—so help me God and keep me steadfast.'"

The fine work of our Minnesota brethren in being of service to the sick at the great Rochester hospitals continues and the report of Representative Frank G. Warner is a document reflecting Masonic work in the best sense of that term.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education indicates their principal activities as:

1. Publication of the monthly bulletin.
2. Encouragement of the installation of Lodge Libraries.
3. The development of the speakers Bureau.
4. Revision of the "Lodge System of Masonic Education."

All have apparently met with considerable success.

Details of a proposed flag ceremony seem to be nicely appropriate for this sort of pagentry.

In the Report on Foreign Correspondence, Alberta, as always, finds generous and friendly mention.

Eighty-fifth Annual Communication to be held at St. Paul, January 19th, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Frank W. Matson, St. Paul.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John H. Anderson, St. Paul.

A. M. M.

MISSISSIPPI

The One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held in the City of Vicksburg on the 16th and 17th of February, 1937, with M. W. Bro. G. W. Halloway, Grand Master, presiding.

Dispensations were issued for two new lodges and one charter was arrested.

The Grand Master attended the conference of the Grand Masters of the United States.

A ruling was made that the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden could not dimitt from the lodge.

Grand Lodge expended \$43,430.05 in connection with its two Masonic Homes. The per capita tax is \$2.50 and is apportioned as follows: Masonic Relief—30c, General Fund—65c, Home Maintenance—\$1.40 and District Deputy Fund—15c.

The Proceedings contain a report of a special committee dealing with Uniform Lodge Rooms. This report is worth reading by any lodge having in view the laying out of a lodge room.

Distinguished visitors were present from Texas Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

There is no review of proceedings.

Lodges, 328. Members, 20,649. Increase, 219.

M. W. Bro. Percy M. Lee—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Edward L. Faucette—Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

MONTANA

Seventy-third Annual Communication held at Helena, August 18th, 1937. M. W. Bro. John Kain, Grand Master.

Lodges, 135. Membership, 18,059. Loss, 18.

Alberta was represented by Bro. James M. Speer, Grand Representative.

It is rarely that we are called upon to comment on the address of a Grand Master whom we have been privileged to meet in the flesh. We review M. W. Bro. John Kain's remarks with this in mind.

He records sympathetically the passing of three Past Grand Masters during his year in person of M. W. Bros. James H. Monteath, Ernest M. Hutchinson and Charles Sidney Bell, a heavy loss to Montana.

M. W. Bro. Kain seems to be an indefatigable visitor and we remember pleasantly his and his Grand Secretary's visit to our own bailiwick.

"On the whole I find an optimistic spirit prevailing in every lodge" is his verdict on Masonic conditions in his state and a wide series of visits gives him undoubted authority for his comment.

He recommends the appropriation of \$2,500 for the work of relief and continuation of the appropriation for Masonic Education.

The Liquor Question evidently worries M. W. Bro. Kain and he suggests more definite legislation. We wonder sometimes if legislation does really "protect the high moral worth of our membership."

As a man of action, rather than of words, M. W. Bro. Kain's address is terse, but leaves no doubt of his firm belief in Montana Masonry.

Among distinguished visitors we note three from Alberta, all of whom made suitable remarks. M. W. Bro. Macaulay's name was added to the lengthening list of Honorary Past Grand Masters of Montana and R. W. Bro. George Moore appears as the first Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden. Four Past Grand Masters of our Province have now been so honored.

"The general note this year is one of optimism," says Grand Secretary Hauberg. A loss of only eighteen as against two hundred and forty-two a year ago would seem to confirm his remark.

The Grand Secretary quotes from an address by M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary of New York, delivered at a Conference of Grand Secretaries held at Washington, D.C.

National relief and other measures and their reaction on the Masonic Fraternity was the theme and as we are faced with similar conditions in a smaller way here there need be no apology for re-quoting M. W. Bro. Johnson's closing remarks:

(a) "The relief work that once was so necessary and important a part of the Fraternity's activities may be minimized."
And

(b) "If not minimized in quantity it may have to change its form; for example, from the care of indigent to the care of chronic sick."

" . . . in view of these nation-wide trends, . . . it would be wise for the Fraternity to stop, look and listen before investing any considerable sum of money in construction of new institutions, unless such construction should be adaptable for other purposes."

Proponents of new "Masonic Homes" and the like should study these implications.

A sketch and floor plans of the new Grand Lodge Library, Museum and offices in Helena appears. The building was dedicated on August 18th, 1937, and should be a handsome addition to the amenities of Montana's capital city as well as an extremely useful centre for Masonic activity in the State.

Tucked away near the end of the report is a brief comment on the presentation to M. W. Bro. John Kain of "as fine a watch as money could buy." We venture he richly deserved this gift at the hands of his brethren.

Alberta's Proceedings for 1936 are generously and fraternally reviewed.

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication to be held at Billings, August 17th and 18th, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Edwin Grafton, Billings.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Luther T. Hauberg, Helena.

A.M.M.

NEBRASKA

Eightieth Annual Communication held at Omaha, June 8th, 1937.
M. W. Bro. Chancellor A. Phillips, Grand Master.

Lodges, 292. Membership, 33,180. Loss, 637.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Earl M. Bolen.

Special features of the Reception Exercises were receptions tendered seventeen Past Grand Masters and to Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary Emeritus and for twenty-six years active.

Two Past Grand Masters are sorrowfully recorded as passing beyond during the year.

On Masonic Education, Grand Master Phillips has this to say: "We cannot long continue as a progressive and an effective organization without giving attention to the matter of informing ourselves relative to developments in all the relationships of life that we may know what effect these developments are having upon Masonic ideals and purposes." Which seems to imply something beyond the usual "Masonic" education of which so much has been written and reported.

Ten lodges are reported on the Honor Roll of those with no delinquent dues for 1936 and one because it has never shown a loss in membership from the date it received its charter.

The Committee on Returns reports a "marked decrease in delinquencies for this year." From the same Report we quote:

"It is becoming more and more important that the Lodge Secretary be a brother who is skilled in business principles."

The oration of the year was given by Bro. Ernest B. Perry of Cambridge and entitled "Masons of the Future", appears in full. From it we have selected the following:

"The surest way to provide for future descendents is to endow the present generation with those things which cause all men and women of this generation to climb to a higher scale of being."

"He who trades his liberty for bread is invariably cheated out of both. No government has a right to reward indolence nor punish frugality."

"Our lodges must be increased in membership; the members of our lodges must take a more important place in our communities; the ideals of Masonry must more and more influence the communities of our state."

"Dollar matching is having the effect of inducing the citizen to look to government instead of industry for bread."

We wish we had room to quote more of the year's most provocative Masonic address coming to our notice.

The Review of Proceedings from the pen of M. W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites, P.G.M., is on the topical reference plan and one of the best published. It covers a multitude of subjects of extreme interest to Masons and M. W. Bro. Crites is to be highly complimented on a valuable compilation.

Eighty-first Annual Communication to be held at Omaha, June 7th, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—William A. Robertson, Plattsmouth.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Lewis E. Smith, Omaha.

A.M.M.

NEVADA

Seventy-third Annual Communication, Las Vegas, June 10th and 11th, 1937.

Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. T. T. Fairchild, at high twelve. Twenty-six lodges were in the Roll Call, but apparently four did not answer the call.

Alberta's Grand Representative appears to have been absent.

From the brief biographical sketch of the life of Grand Master Fairchild we note that although he was born in California he has lived practically all his active life in Nevada. In his early years he was engaged in the newspaper business, but since 1895 he has been engaged in the livestock and ranching business, and now owns one of the largest ranches in Elko County. He is described as of the "fast disappearing type of pioneers" who were empire builders. He served his State in the legislative branches for twenty years, six years in the Assembly and fourteen years as the Senator from Elko County. He was to celebrate his golden wedding anniversary in December, 1937. Altogether a very creditable record.

A Special Communication was held at Reno on July 13th, 1936, for the purpose of attending and conducting the funeral services of M. W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, P.G.M., and Grand Secretary. The death of the Grand Secretary, who was affectionately known to his friends as "Spike", was sincerely mourned by our brethren of Nevada, and a fine tribute to his memory was paid by Grand Lodge. We shall miss his friendly reviews and comments.

The Grand Master reported Freemasonry in Nevada to be in a healthy and thriving condition, with a gain in membership. The financial condition of the subordinate lodges was good, and harmony prevailed everywhere except in one case, where, we gather, an official audit would have been in order. No "Decisions" had been necessary. The record of visitations is a lengthy one, especially in view of the fact that the Grand Master must be a busy man with his own affairs. He deplored the establishment of dictatorships in so many countries since the Great War, mentioning particularly Russia, Italy and Germany. He noted that one of the first acts of each dictator is to abolish freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right of assemblage, and the right of free speech, all liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and espoused by our Order. Masonry, he pointed out, the champion of those rights of the people, was peremptorily and immediately outlawed, and banished from those respective countries. Our Order has no rights there, and their revolutionary doctrines have no rights here. He recommended that as a patriotic measure and as a proper appreciation of the sacrifices and struggles of their forefathers, Grand Lodge should go on record as being opposed to Communism, Fascism and Nazism.

The Grand Orator, Howard E. Browne, gave an interesting address on "Masonic Influence", with special reference to the birth and development of the Constitution of the United States.

The Review of Foreign Jurisdictions is by Robert H. Parker, P.G.M., and Acting Grand Secretary. He is a worthy successor to Bro. V. M. Henderson, the much loved and greatly lamented Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent. Alberta is duly noted, and the highlights of our Annual Communication of 1936 mentioned.

M. W. Grand Master—Merwyn H. Brown, Winnemucca.

R. W. Grand Secretary—E. C. Peterson, Carson City.

C.V.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1936)

M. W. Bro. G. Percival Burchill presided at the Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held at St. John on 27th August, 1936.

Alberta's representative was not present.

The Grand Master's address is principally a record of his many visits throughout his jurisdiction. As a result of his visitation it is cheering to note that he finds tangible evidence of real progress in many directions, and that the Craft throughout the jurisdiction is in a healthy condition.

He again stresses the need for a demonstration of Practical Masonry and commends the efforts of the committee appointed to consider the establishment of an Aged Masons Home.

He suggests that the Constitution be changed so that Grand Lodge might be held at any point from which an invitation might be received.

He joins in the universal chorus of condemnation of the various "isms" which threaten the well being of democracy and British institutions.

The Grand Secretary reports a decrease in membership of 133.

The Board of General Purposes reports an expenditure of \$2,278.00 for benevolence.

In discussing the proposed Aged Masons Home the committee reports that a union with the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia scheme was too late and was not feasible. The committee is continuing its work of survey and investigation. In these days of advanced social legislation with a promise of more to follow, the wisdom of embarking on a Masonic Home, even on a modest scale, may be questioned.

The brief reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are of local interest only.

There is no Foreign Correspondence.

G.M.B.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1937)

The Seventieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was held in St. John on 26th August, 1937, presided over by M. W. Bro. Guy H. Humphrey, the Grand Master.

Alberta was not represented. In this connection the Grand Master appeals to Grand Representatives to take a little more active interest in their duties.

In his address the Grand Master points out that economic conditions have greatly improved and that the time has come for constituent members to make a canvass of members who were suspended during the depression in order that they may be enabled to return to active membership in the Order. The suggestion is a useful and a timely one.

The Grand Master visited twenty-three lodges during the year.

He finds that in many of the Proceedings received from other Grand Bodies that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is not mentioned and that in Proceedings where Grand Lodge was mentioned the references were very meagre and out of date. So far as this review is concerned the fact is that the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick are generally received too late to be included in current reviews. That, of course, is due to the fact that Grand Lodge holds its meetings so late in the year.

The Board of General purposes reports that the sum of \$1,385.00 was expended in benevolence.

The question of the establishment of an Aged Masons Home is to be left in abeyance until a more opportune time, but the hope is expressed that it will not be lost sight of entirely.

The Grand Historian reports that of the forty-four lodges in the jurisdiction reports have been received from thirty-eight of them and that a fairly full history has been secured of the majority of the lodges. In time to come those lodges which do not respond to this activity will find cause to regret it.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are purely of local interest but indicate a growing improvement in Masonic conditions throughout the jurisdiction.

There is no Fraternal Correspondence.

G.M.B.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire, was held on Wednesday, May 19th, 1937, at the City of Concord, with M. W. Bro. Halsey Edgerton, Grand Master, presiding.

We are pleased to note that the representative for Alberta, Bro. Bard B. Plummer, was present to answer the roll call.

Among the distinguished visitors present were the Grand Masters of Vermont and New York, and the Grand Chaplain of Connecticut.

On January 1st, 1937, there passed away in the City of Concord, M. W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, after having served it faithfully for a period of twenty-seven years and for thirty years he was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, writing all the reviews. It has been the privilege of the writer to review the Proceedings of New Hampshire for the past several years and he has come to know M. W. Bro. Cheney from his correspondence and to find in him a Craftsman of whom any Grand Body might well be proud. His "Foreword" was always timely and to the "point" and his criticism was always kindly and considerate, enjoying the happy faculty of extracting the "meat" from a report. We shall miss his Reviews and the sympathy of Alberta goes out to New Hampshire in the loss they have thus sustained.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Portsmouth celebrated its Two Hundreth Anniversary in June, 1936, giving over a whole week to the celebration. Wednesday the Grand Lodge participated in holding a special communication at which Grand Masters from Virginia, Vermont, Rhode Island and Massachusetts were present.

The address of the Grand Master is an account of the second year of his stewardship and contains nothing of special import outside of his own jurisdiction. He recommends that a committee be appointed to review the Burial Service and suggests that the service should be short, simple, dignified and such as to reflect credit to Masonry. A revision of the Constitution had been undertaken and about two-thirds of it had been completed by the late Grand Secretary and it was recommended that the committee continue the work to completion. New Hampshire presents the revised Constitution at one Communication and does not deal with it until the following communication. In this way the constituent lodges have a whole year to discuss it before coming to Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, which deals with the question of Masonic Recognition, reported that they had received applications from several South American Grand Lodges for recognition, but inasmuch as they were not in a position to report at this time, action was deferred.

The "Introduction" to the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. Frederick W. Sawyer and is a review of the work of M. W. Bro. Cheney on the Committee and that of his predecessor Albert S. Wait. Each served thirty years in the position so that in sixty years the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire had only two men write their reviews. Rather unique.

Alberta is amply covered, the outstanding features of our 1936 Proceedings being emphasized.

M. W. Grand Master—Alexander MacIntosh, Berlin.

R. W. Grand Secretary—J. Melvin Dresser, Concord.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

• This Grand Lodge celebrated the 150th Anniversary of its formation in the City of Trenton, April 21st and 22nd, 1937. A very large attendance greeted the Grand Master, including several distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions. Congratulatory telegrams were received from the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of New York.

In welcoming the visitors and members, the Grand Master referred to the enjoyment of fraternal recognition and relationship with 92 sister jurisdictions throughout this country and in foreign lands, a number of which were represented at that communication. The M. W. Grand Master of New York returned greetings for the distinguished guests, congratulating the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on their 150 years of Masonic history, of which they should be proud.

Greetings were also presented by the Master of Nova Caesarea Lodge No. 2 of Cincinnati, Ohio, which was granted its original charter by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey on September 8th, 1791. This lodge has preserved complete minutes of all meetings since its origin in tact, and they brought with them their first book of By-laws and the first minute book, for the inspection of any or the brethren present. It is hard to realize today that this lodge for a very long time was the frontier lodge, numbering amongst its early members Judge McMillan, U.S. Attorney General of the North West Territories. In other words, in those early days the great State of Ohio was a place among the sticks.

A feature of the meeting was the address "Looking Backward" by the Grand Historian. A great many interesting incidents, many of a national character, were mentioned. Another pleasing incident was the presentation of a gavel made from one of the oaken beams of the Whitehall Tavern in New Brunswick to the Grand Master. The Grand Historian stated that, "Many of the distinguished men of the revolutionary period were entertained under its hospital roof. Among them were Washington, Lafayette, Lee, Wayne, Scott, Hamilton and many others." For two hundred years this Inn existed as such and the building was only just recently demolished.

Another important address was entitled "Looking Forward" by M. W. Bro. R. E. Lum, P.G.M., which was a cheerful and optimistic view of the great possibilities which lie ahead, in spite of the difficulties which must be faced. This was followed with still other addresses which would well repay anyone to study.

A complete history of Freemasonry in New Jersey by the Grand Historian is included in the Proceedings.

The anniversary celebrations were followed by the 150th Annual Communication, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Charles E. Folley, presiding. In his address he notes the untimely passing of their senior Past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. Holt Apgar, whose loss will be severely felt.

He mentions the floods which occurred in many of the states, of which Kentucky seems to have suffered in particular and on his appeal to the brethren of New Jersey, he received a total of \$3,400.00, which was forwarded to that Grand Jurisdiction.

In the matter of unpaid dues, he believes that Grand Lodge should provide for definite action by which members who continue in arrears shall be suspended N.P.D., if default continued for three years. Grand Lodge decided to consider the matter at their next Annual Communication.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Vienna, speaking very highly of the influence and respect in which it was held and its total abstention from any semblance of political activity. Yet that did not save it when Austria was absorbed by Germany. The matter of recognizing Grand Lodges in Mexico was also reported on, mentioning that they recognized the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and if they extended recognition to the other Grand Lodges of which there are sixteen, it would mean severance of official relationship with the York Grand Lodge, and they were not prepared to make such a recommendation, in the hopes that the conflicting territorial claims may be satisfactorily arranged by mutual agreement.

M. W. Bro. Dietz, P.G.M., presented a report on his visit to the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Norway and Scotland as the representative of New Jersey and was present at the same celebration as our own Grand Master attended in Scotland.

The Reviews on Foreign Correspondence are prepared by a committee of which Bro. David McGregor is Chairman. In their "Foreword" they say, "There is a strong spirit of buoyancy and hope, based on the gradually decreasing losses and the general improvement in conditions throughout the country. The Grand Lodge of Ohio led all the rest in the return to normalcy in that its records show an increase of 1,272 net membership." Alberta is reviewed by the Chairman, who quotes M. W. Bro. Downey, speaks of the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s as interesting and sees encouraging signs for the hope of a return to prosperity. He also refers to the expenditures for benevolence and the work of the Committee on Research and Education. Their reviews are both interesting and informative.

J.H.W.S.K.

NEW MEXICO

Fifty-ninth Annual Communication, March 15th, 16th and 17th, 1937.

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the M. W. Grand Master, Edward R. Paul, and due proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal. An address of welcome was given by W. Bro. Charles E. Wheelon, P.M., of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, of Santa Fe, and the response was made by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Raymond E. A. Drolet.

No decisions were required of the Grand Master during his term of office, and the credit for this is given to the Grand Lecturer, Bro. Machen.

The attitude of Masonry towards the Liquor Question was felt by the Grand Master to be indefinite and unsatisfactory, and he thought that sooner or later some definite step would have to be taken. The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that a special section be added to the provisions governing Chartered Lodges, by which the sale of intoxicating liquor, irrespective of alcoholic content, should be strictly prohibited in all buildings owned and used exclusively for Masonic purposes, and further that all approved decisions of the Grand Master bearing upon the liquor question, theretofore considered as repealed, should be reinstated.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Columbia, and to that of Rio de Janeiro, also to two Grand Lodges of Czechoslovakia. In view of the news coming from Austria as this is written one cannot help but wonder if these two last mentioned Grand Lodges will not soon disappear from the records of Masonry, before the advance of Naziism and Fascism.

A notable address was given by the Deputy Grand Master of Colorado, Bro. Harry L. Baum, in which the aims and ideals of Masonry were outlined.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that nothing had come up for their consideration.

The Proceedings contain a great deal of statistical information, which is of interest only to members within New Mexico.

There are fifty-four lodges within the Grand Jurisdiction, and the membership stands at 5,833, a net gain of 31.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is submitted by Bro. John Milne, Foreign Correspondent. He reviews fifty-one Proceedings, but failed to notice Alberta. The Report contains many matters of interest. We have noticed that many Grand Masters regret the failure to complete the George Washington Memorial at Alexandria, and the comment of George W. Williams, Chairman of the George Washington Memorial in South Carolina, is really bitter. Masons everywhere will join in hoping that this Memorial will soon be completed.

A Supplement traces the various Decisions and Edicts of Grand Masters, and Resolutions approved by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, in regard to the Liquor Question.

M. W. Grand Master—Raymond E. A. Drolet, Farmington.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

C.V.B.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was held in the City of New York on the afternoon of May 4th, 1937, with M. W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, Grand Master, presiding.

Reference is made in the Grand Master's Address to the passing of M. W. Bro. Robert Elliot Owens, immediate Past Grand Master and also to Rev. R. W. Bro. W. S. Parks Cadman, D.D., two very eminent brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York.

To enable Grand Lodge practically to be helpful to its constituent lodges it had to have accurate information of their condition. To obtain this information the Committee on Lodge Records and Finance was set up, it being composed of a group of experts, which Committee has been of great service to the lodges.

Observance of the Sabbath by refraining from indulgence in the way of amusements and other practices not in keeping with the Masonic traditions is noted by the Grand Master as well as the "Go to Church" Sunday which has become an institution in this jurisdiction.

By way of overcoming the difficulties created by the lack of Work, efforts have been made to inaugurate suitable entertainments to attract to lodge meetings the attendance which the conferring of degrees brings out. Debates on suitable subjects not conflicting with the tenets of the Craft are recommended. The Drama also affords an excellent means of bringing out the latent talent in the brethren and engenders enthusiasm in the lodge. Let us quote from the Grand Master:

"Sterile, humdrum lodge meetings will not hold the Fraternity. Life today is too full of complex problems. Our intelligence must be appealed to and be satisfied. As Masons we should encourage it to function, but appropriately in harmony with the Landmarks when the locale is the lodge room."

It is suggested that Masonic visitors to the World's Fair in 1939 in New York should be taken care of and a "Freemasons' House of Friendship" be established to meet their needs by way of information bureau or other means.

Under the title of "Foreign Jurisdictions" reference is made to the celebrations held at Sweden and Edinburgh at which the Grand Master and Grand Lodge was represented by M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder. Sympathy is also extended to those brethren who are suffering from persecution. Perhaps the most interesting part of the address of the Grand Master, to us at least, is the thoughts expressed to the Mother Grand Lodge of England, and we would that we could reproduce the full texts here, but space forbids, however we quote the following:

"Outside Masonic thoughts, doings and contributions which we all share, there seems to be among Englishmen, wheresoever dispersed, a somewhat greater predisposition to the sort of atmosphere pertaining to any activity carried on by British Lodges; a natural taste, as it were, for dignified ceremonial and that pomp which is identified with British practices."

"Perhaps we have been too much influenced by numbers; not enough by quality. Efficient work can be done only by efficient workers. From now on let us consider more carefully what a candidate for Masonry is able to contribute to its cause, and pass by those who join us for what they can get out of our fraternity and not for what they can put into it through sacrifice and service."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that relations with the Grand Lodge of Para, Brazil, be terminated. The application for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Chiapas at Tapachula, Chaipas, Mexico, was held over for further consideration.

The sum of \$3,500.00 was placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer for the Relief and maintenance of the dependents of brethren of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's Medal for distinguished achievement in the field of art was presented to Bro. Irving Bacheller, novelist, essayist, journalist, artist in letters, American and Mason.

Under the report of the Committee on Constitutions, the amendment which would have the effect of remitting Grand Lodge Dues to those who have Life Membership after thirty-five years membership, was declared lost. It was evident the Committee deprecated the idea of Life Membership with all its attendant difficulties.

The creation of District Grand Lodges for those lodges meeting outside the State of New York was provided for and rules adopted to govern same. New York have a number of lodges located in Syria and it was for the purpose of meeting the desires of these lodges for a certain amount of self government that this machinery was set in motion.

This volume also contains the minutes of the Proceedings at the Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Freema-

sonry in the State of New York, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, held at the Hotel Astor, New York, Wednesday evening May 5th, 1937. It is indeed very interesting reading and some very able addresses were delivered, but space forbids anything but a reference to the occasion.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is prepared by a Committee of which M. W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer is chairman, but who unfortunately is indisposed, and the work apparently was undertaken by M. W. Bro. Townsend Scudder. From his Foreword we quote the following as being significant of the conditions existing throughout the North American Continent:

"Generally speaking the affairs of the Craft show a decidedly upward trend. No doubt one reason is to be found in the elimination of indifferent and disappointed hangers on. Another is that greater and more intelligent attention is given to the administration of financial affairs. . . . But there is a deeper reason for the withdrawal of so many from the lodges. It is neglect in the past to supply proper instruction to newcomers, and brethren generally in the meaning of Freemasonry, its glorious past, its inspiring objects, its plan to unite God-fearing, open minded and open-hearted men, to co-operate for the promotion of Brotherly Love, Re'ief and Truth."

Alberta for 1936 is generously and favorably reviewed, and we thank the reviewer for his kindly personal reference.

M. W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

W.I.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Proceedings for the year ending June, 1937.

The Grand Master referred to a journey he made from Western Australia through the northern territory to Queensland and said that one of the strongest impressions he carried away was the firm hold that the Craft had through the whole of the Commonwealth of Australia. He mentioned one spot on the Western coast of Western Australia where a lodge had been formed by the residents, who had erected with their own hands, and white-washed and roofed a small building which served as their Lodge Room. He attended one of their meetings where with about 14 present, they initiated a candidate, the work being done with dignity and precision. One of the members present was said to have ridden on horseback no less than 140 miles to be present. We quote:

"I want to say, as I said to the people out there, we have got to have unity in this Commonwealth of Australia. There can be no doubt that the United British Empire is the keystone of Civilisation today. But a United British Empire means unity in its component parts . . . unity among the States, the organizations and institutions. It means fraternity—looking for the best and finest points in our fellow-men, looking with leniency on their failings, taking a charitable view of each other and putting the best construction on the actions of our neighbour, and not the worst. These are the teachings of our great Institution. When we look out upon the world today, and see the trouble that is

caused by misunderstanding and imputing the worst motives to other people, we realise the value of a Brotherhood such as ours."

The Grand Master has been recently reading about the history of his own ancestors and said many of them "had led adventurous lives, fighting for this faction and that, and being at times mixed up in bitter feuds; but I was glad to be able to say that, as the result of the more tolerant spirit of modern times, fostered no doubt to a great extent by Freemasonry, I could now number among my closest friends men whose forbears had in bygone days been my family's most relentless enemies."

The Grand Master, speaking of the European situation and the chaos that was menancing civilisation, strongly urged the necessity for Masons throughout the world to present a united front in opposition to the elements of discord and disorder.

The proceedings of Grand Lodge were marked by a most unprecedented occurrence, namely; a charge that a certain M. W. Brother had broken one of the Three Grand Principles in Masonry, i.e., Truth. Particulars were not given. The matter was taken under consideration by the Grand Master.

A member was suspended for contravening the edict of the M. W. the Grand Master, by attending meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Certain listlessness in some of the outlying lodges was reported, and this was ascribed to the fact that for three years they had not been visited by Grand Lodge officers.

One interesting case occurred in a country lodge where the I. P. M. asked that the cost of his P. M.'s Jewel be paid over to the Freemasons' benevolent institution.

Approximately \$225,000.00 of Grand Lodge funds were used for the purpose of purchasing land adjoining the Masonic Temple at Sydney.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence very capably deals with various matters under different headings.

E.T.B.

NEW ZEALAND

Proceedings for the year 1936.

The cash and liquid assets of Grand Lodge showed an increase for the year, of approximately \$40,000; and it is noticeable that the deferment of payment of Grand Lodge dues authorized by the Board of General Purposes was reduced from over 800 in the year 1933, to 40 in the year 1936.

M. W. Bro. the Right Honourable Viscount Galway in the course of his remarks referred to the fact that he had personally taken part in the initiation of King Edward VIII.

The Grand Master had a rich and varied experience in Masonry in various countries.

Concluding his address on the occasion of his installation, he says:

"I can only say, in conclusion, that I believe in keeping exactly within the ancient land-marks of the Order and keeping them clearly defined; and that, as I said at the outset, I will do my utmost to maintain the high standard and traditions of Freemasonry in the Dominion."

In a summary of instructions issued and decisions given by the Board of General Purposes, we note among others the following:

Co-Masonry.

Attention of brethren is drawn to the fact that a spurious and clandestine Masonic Organization, known as Co-Masonry, is operating in the territory. This body professes to work the three degrees of Craft Masonry, to admit women, confer signs and secrets and endeavours in different ways to copy the practices of Freemasonry, and from time to time members of the Craft are invited to attend the meetings. Brethren must not attend any meetings of this Co-Masonic body, as by doing so they will be violating their obligations and will render themselves liable to Masonic discipline.

Enquiries re Candidates.

The Board suggests to Lodges that candidates for admission into the Craft should be asked to make satisfactory provision for their dependents, if they have not already done so, either by Life Insurance or through some Provident Society, etc.

Wearing the Apron

When wearing evening dress the belt is worn under the coat, but on all other occasions, including the wearing of a dinner jacket, the apron should be worn with the belt outside the coat. The apron should indicate the rank of the wearer.

E.T.B:

NEW ZEALAND

Proceedings for the year 1937.

M. W. Bro. His Excellency the Right Hon. Viscount Galway was re-elected Grand Master.

The funds of Grand Lodge increased during the year by nearly \$45,000.00.

In spite of the fact that an era of prosperity was beginning to have an effect, the contributions of the lodges to the benevolent fund had decreased.

We note as a rather interesting point in the list of Grand Lodge officers who died during the year, the average age was over 80 years and of the 14 recommendations for conferring Past Grand Rank upon certain members of Grand Lodge, the average age was over 74 years.

The Grand Secretary reported that all annual returns, fee and contributions had been furnished by all lodges of the jurisdiction. The Board of General Purposes reported among other things, an increase in the total membership, and mentioned incidentally, that both in New South Wales and in Victoria, one new lodge had been opened each month

for some time. Mention is also made of one brother in the Secretary's office who owing to illness, was absent for the first time in 35 years.

A proposal was made to create the office of Grand Trumpeter. However while admitting that the Grand Lodge of Scotland might for purely local reasons have an office of Grand Piper, they felt they did not need a Grand Trumpeter in their own jurisdiction.

In the discussion of Lodges of Research, it is noticeable that there is a very keen interest throughout the jurisdiction in Masonic literature. Many books were provided by the lodges and asked for by the members on this subject.

The old question of wearing the apron outside the coat was again raised but the practice adopted by the Fourth Australian Masonic Conference, of wearing it outside the coat was adhered to.

The Grand Master in his annual address, thanked the town of Auckland for the use of the town hall in it, to hold the session of Grand Lodge. He referred to the contribution made by Grand Lodge to the King George Memorial Fund in connection with the Children's Health Movement.

On the occasion of the floods in the United States of America, Grand Lodge had offered a contribution to the Grand Lodges in the affected districts, which however were thankfully declined, as such districts had ample funds at their disposal.

The reports of the Provincial Grand Master uniformly report that the lodges were in good shape and making steady progress. These reports also referred to the great amount of visiting being done among the different lodges.

302 Lodges. Total Membership, 25,490.

E.T.B.

NORTH CAROLINA

One Hundred and Fiftieth Annual Communication. Grand Master J. Giles Hudson was so diligent in the discharge of his duties that he travelled over 35,000 miles. Alberta was not represented. The travelling Volume of the Sacred Law, hailing from Rhode Island was present on the Altar and was dedicated.

Of the "Lodge System of Masonic Education" the Grand Master says, "In the lodges where it has been used good and lasting results are evident." Five hundred copies of the covering text were sold at cost to be placed in the hands of interested Masons who would familiarize themselves with it and be prepared to co-operate with the Committee in charge of Education.

Among the usual gamut of "queer" things a Grand Master has to deal with, Bro. Hudson was requested by a church to "unveil" a cornerstone. The answer was, it cannot be done and would be improper for Masons to appear at such in Masonic clothing, as there is no such ceremony recognized.

A grand reclamation scheme was inaugurated with the purpose of returning to active membership many of the 10,000 who have been suspended during the past few years. Letters were sent to these brethren many of whom expressed surprise that Grand Lodge had any interest in them. It was difficult to discern any very definite results, for during the year there were 406 restored while at the same time 860 were being suspended. Certainly the Biblical injunction "to go into the highways and by-ways and compel them to come in" does not apply to those who have voluntarily permitted themselves to be dropped from membership. It would seem that after the proper Masonic charity has been exercised in remitting the arrearages of the worthy unable to pay up that the remainder of members are either disinterested or disappointed; at least mostly chaff and very little wheat.

The Grand Master is a good brother of the Methodist faith and one finds himself shouting "Amen" when he says, "Many contend that the condition found in lodges is due to outside interest and attractions, some the financial depression and other various factors. But after careful observation I have the firm conviction that the trouble lies in the recesses of the lodges, yes even further than that; within tiled recesses of our own consciences. We have in the language of the Methodist minister, 'fallen from Grace,' and what these lodges need is a good sound revival of Masonry in the hearts and minds and consciences of the members; a thorough re-dedication to those noble and better things of life and when that comes there will be no delinquent members, no delinquent lodges."

A recommendation that all Secretaries and Treasurers should be bonded was not approved by Grand Lodge. The need was recognized, but it was for the lodge to determine its own business. Automatic life membership after so many years dues paying came in for condemnation. As for lotteries, "The cause of Masonry needs funds with which to carry on but it does not need money raised by gambling. When that day comes we shall be at the end of our usefulness."

Kind words are spoken of the Grand Secretary, John Anderson. One shall never forget the quiet, kindly gentleman who represented North Carolina at the Scottish Bi-Centenary, and his reports are read with pleasant memories. He was fortunate to be on the invitation list to the Swedish Masonic celebrations which preceded those in Edinburgh, and included in his report is the program of both occasions.

The per capita cost of Home inmates was \$390.03 for the year.

The Educational Loan Fund with outstanding loans of over \$75,000.00 is being continued with about the same results as in the past. Many worthy students are being helped. Some Institutions through which the loans are made are very indifferent and some downright neglectful about being helpful in collecting slow repayments.

A very interesting document was produced by the Grand Historian, a report of the Quarterly Communication held at Great Queen Street, London, April, 1777. Contained in it was a resolution condemning those calling themselves "Ancients" and forbidding any Masonic intercourse with them. Among the accounts of the occasion is an interesting sidelight on the unchanging qualities of human nature, namely an item charging off "eight light guineas and bad silver 6s and 10d."

Honorary membership was defined as conferring nothing beyond an honor, was dependent upon full membership elsewhere, and as

such was not liable to dues, assessment or per capita either in a lodge or Grand Lodge.

It is a pleasure to find J. Edward Allen's Reviews once again in the Proceedings even if he did not cover Alberta. We miss the garlands of poetry as of yore, but the subject matter is pithy, salty and well worth the reading.

Lodges, 347. Membership, 27,088. Decrease, 360:

M. W. Grand Master—Watson N. Sherrod.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John Anderson:

V.H.M.

NORTH DAKOTA

Forty-eighth Annual Communication, Fargo, June 15th and 16th, 1937.

Grand Lodge was opened promptly at 10:00 a.m., with Grand Master William H. Hutchinson in the East. The attendance and spirit of the brethren were fine. An entirely different atmosphere prevailed on account of the promising conditions over most of the State. We hope that these promises were fulfilled, in which event North Dakota was more fortunate than a great part of our Canadian West.

As a compliment, we presume, to the Grand Master of Manitoba and his distinguished associates, the singing of "God Save the King" followed that of "America," with no difference in volume or heartiness. Canadian Masons will appreciate this spirit.

The photo of the Grand Master is followed by a short sketch of his life; this is a record of high achievement and useful service both within and without the Craft.

In his Report the Grand Master says: "Peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. The work of making new Masons has not been arduous, but we have made a slight gain. We believe that the work generally is more earnest and effective than ever before; and that better Masons is the result. We are sincerely of the opinion that we still hold Masonry too cheaply; not only in the matter of dues and fees, but in our estimate of its intrinsic worth to ourselves. Fortunate is the young man who formulates a true philosophy of life, a philosophy which gives a proper place to moral and spiritual values. Grave, indeed, is the responsibility of our Fraternity as it influences the structure and pattern of that philosophy. We still hold too lightly our membership in the Masonic Fraternity. . . : Masonry must educate and inspire."

We notice that a dispensation was granted to permit a degree team from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to confer the M. M. degree at a communication of Pembina Lodge upon candidates of that lodge.

One lodge surrendered its charter.

M. W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin presented his ninth review of Fraternal Correspondence. He notes that the decrease in membership has slowed down, and in the United States has dropped below the hundred thousand mark. Suspensions N. P. D. have fallen off materially, and

it is apparent that the dead timber is about cleared away. Those who remain have been tried in the fire of adversity, and have maintained their membership with unbroken loyalty. Most of those worth saving will, he predicts, be reinstated within the next few years, and with the very evident increase in the number of candidates who are knocking at the door, it is safe to anticipate that there will be an appreciable number of Grand Lodges reporting increases in membership within the next year. The lottery nuisance and the liquor question are pretty well settled. No two Grand Lodges treat the latter problem exactly alike, but nearly everywhere there has been a growing indication that Masonry and the liquor traffic do not mix. Few states show an inclination either to compromise or sidestep.

The Grand Lodge of Vienna was recognized.

Many small lodges are finding the going hard, and the Special Committee on the Consolidation of Lodges, after considering the question from every angle, came to the conclusion that where distances are small, highways good, and local membership reduced, consolidation probably is the only eventual solution.

The report on Masonic Service and Education is a long record of good deeds.

By an amendment to Grand Lodge By-Laws the election of officers in constituent lodges shall be held annually on the last stated communication in May.

Four suspensions were caused by brothers engaging in the liquor traffic.

The Fraternal Correspondence covers forty-eight Grand Jurisdictions. There is a wealth of material in the Report, which should make it a cause of pride to its author. Alberta is noted, with the unusual features coming in for special mention. But that is all right, as every journalist knows.

M. W. Grand Master—Charles M. Pollock, Fargo.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo.

C.V.R.

NOVA SCOTIA

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Kingston for the purpose of dedicating and consecrating Markland Lodge No. 99.

The Seventy-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Amherst on 9th June, 1937, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Avard presiding.

Alberta's representative did not answer the roll call.

The Grand Master's address is a businesslike document. He deals at length with his visit to the Bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936. We are surprised that no mention is made of the fact that soil from Nova Scotia was placed in the Esplanade in Edinburgh Castle many years ago. Some one passed up an opportunity for apt comment.

Four decisions were given. Three of them were so obvious that it is surprising that they were even asked for, e.g., "Will the Grand Master give permission to bury with Masonic Honours a brother suspended for four years." The obvious answer was given.

The Grand Master attended nine of the District Meetings and paid a large number of visits to individual lodges.

The Grand Secretary reports a decrease in membership of 139 as against 184 in 1935. Looks like "the turn of the tide."

Forty-one cases were dealt with by the Committee on Charity and the sum of \$1,025.00 was expended.

The Trustees of the Masonic Home report that there were 29 inmates in the Home and eleven others were being assisted. It is interesting to note that the farm was successfully operated and a surplus was shown for the year's work. The apple crop alone produced \$700.00.

M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris, Grand Historian, reports that eleven lodges have not yet complied with the request for histories.

The committee on the Bi-centenary celebration to be held in 1938 submits a detailed programme of the event. Visitors are expected from Great Britain, the United States and, of course, the Canadian Grand Lodges.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters while purely of local interest indicate that Masonry is in a healthy condition and that progress is being made.

The Board of Jurisprudence refused to recommend recognition of Symbolische Grokloge von Deutschland in Exil.

A Committee of Past Grand Masters submitted a report respecting a sum of money approximately \$7,400.00 placed in the funds of Grand Lodge procured through methods of which Grand Lodge could not approve. It was resolved that the funds be returned to the organization that placed them to the credit of Grand Lodge. That is certainly practising what they preach.

New rules regarding election of officers were adopted. The rules will assist in greater speed in elections.

In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence Alberta receives kindly and generous mention from the pen of M. W. Bro. Harris. He refers to his visit to this jurisdiction in 1935. We remember it with pleasure.

G.M.B:

OHIO

One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication held at Cleveland, October 20th, 1937. M. W. Bro. J. Philip Perry, Grand Master.

Lodges, 623. Membership, 185,291. Loss, 2,249.

Alberta was represented by our ever faithful Bro. John P. McCune.

The death of Past Grand Master Frank M. Ransbottom is sympathetically noted.

Ohio scored a handsome gain in members a year ago, but this year a heavy loss is again recorded. We have learned to expect the ancient shibboleth when losses are recorded and sure enough Grand Master Perry voices it once more—"We should always remember that the real strength of our great Fraternity is not measured in numbers." Quite so, quite, so, but if the numbers keep shrinking, then what? "Kidding the troops" doesn't seem to help much in Ohio or elsewhere.

We observe that Ohio recognizes the Swiss Grand Lodge, Alpina, and has exchanged representatives.

The noble work of Ohio Masonry in helping during the terrible floods of January, 1937, is modestly recorded. In addition to countless individual contributions to the American Red Cross and other relief agencies they gave to the Masonic Flood Relief Committee the handsome sum of over thirty-two thousands dollars, of which they may well be proud.

Interjurisdictional visitations are encouraged by Ohio and we note with interest the visit of St. George Lodge, No. 367, from Toronto to Cleveland, when nearly three thousand Masons witnessed the ceremonies in our Canadian ritual.

Installations, open to the public, are carried on in a few localities in Ohio, but Grand Master Perry thinks they should be absolutely prohibited. We cannot imagine a public installation in this part of the country. The Ohio ceremony must be decidedly different.

The Order of the Eastern Star receives some highly favorable comment.

Masonic reference in political advertising comes in for some apparently well-deserved censure, as does petty gambling which seems to thrive in the form of raffles and the like in spite of the most earnest strictures.

Grand Master Perry cracks down on the liquor evil in Masonry. His edict prohibiting even its presence in Temples or lodge premises leaves no room for quibbling.

Speaking of "Father and Son Meetings," which seem to be successful in Ohio, the Grand Master points to one of our own strongest Masonic beliefs. He says in part:

"Our boys are going to carry on what we have started. When we are gone they will attend to those things we now think are so important. All our work will be judged by them. The future welfare of the nation and of humanity itself is in their hands. Let us, as individuals therefore, give the young men of today just a little more attention than we have in the past."

We are often at a loss to know just how far, in common courtesy if nothing else, a reviewer is justified in debating the comment of Grand Masters and other distinguished brethren with whom we are in friendly relationship, but here is a topic very near us and we venture the unequivocal suggestion that unless Freemasonry and Freemasons give a whole lot more attention to attracting young men, it and they are on

the way to the "glory that WAS Greece and the grandeur that WAS Rome."

"Square Clubs" organizations of Masons employed by large companies are rapped by the Grand Master for presumptuous activities in their lodges. Subsidiary organizations predicated on Masonry almost inevitably bring trouble to the long suffering parent, it seems.

A rousing wallop at Communists, Dictators and other rabble rousers and a strong appeal to the brethren "to do everything within their power to keep aglow the white light of liberty" closes an excellent address.

Speaking of the figures in his report and obviously with an eye on the net loss, the Grand Secretary remarks:

"These statistics show clearly that the work of our lodges during the past year was normal. Omitting the number of reinstatements and indefinite suspensions for non-payment of dues there was an increase of 1,022." Which seems an Irishman's raise. And is "the work of our lodges" making members?

Recognition was granted the Grand Lodge of Uruguay.

A feature of the Ohio report for which we always look in pleasant anticipation is the Historical Appendix. This year it deals with "Freemasonry in the Northwest Territory and is by Bro. James J. Tyler, Historian of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

"In the Northwest Territory was founded the first organized American Government west of the Thirteen Original States. Prior to American occupation, Freemasonry was introduced into this region under British authority. Here later in its pioneer American Lodges, Freemasons found brotherhood and companionship as they played their part in the westward march of the nation. Freemasonry in the Northwest Territory is a noteworthy page in American Masonic history." Highly commended.

Alberta receives generous and friendly mention in the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We acknowledge M. W. Bro. Stewart's kindly reference to "ourselves."

One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Annual Communication to be held at Cincinnati, October 19th and 20th, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Louis B. Blakemore, Cincinnati.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati.

A. M. M.

OKLAHOMA

The Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, A.F. & A.M., was held at Guthrie, February 9th, 1937, with M. W. Bro. John L. Stuart, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Grand Lodge was favored with a visit from the Grand Masters of Kansas, and Arkansas, and several of their distinguished officers and brethren.

Oklahoma extends a very cordial welcome to the Grand Representatives and an opportunity is given them to address a few words to Grand Lodge, which at times is well taken advantage of. We regret to note that the representative for Alberta did not answer the roll call.

The Address of the Grand Master is an account of his stewardship. During his term he laid corner stones for nine buildings and dedicated two lodge rooms, in addition to making several visits outside his own jurisdiction. Consolidations took place in two lodges and one lodge which had consistently failed to pay Grand Lodge dues and answer correspondence was recommended to have its charter lifted.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that there was a loss in membership of 347.

The report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Homes is an interesting document. A plea is made for the establishment of a \$100,000.00 Endowment Fund. A vocational building, the gift of the Royal Arch Masons, was completed and turned over to Grand Lodge and is now in use. Not only will the children of the Home receive an Education but also will be given a vocation to fit them to fight the battle of life when the time comes for them to leave the Home. It is pointed out in the report that one lodge donates \$300.00 per month and another \$50.00 per month to the Home.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Relations recommended the exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia, at Belgrade and the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro. Recognition was refused to Rio Grande do Sul, Grand Orient of Brazil, the Gran Logia Occidental de Colombia, Symbolische Grossloge von Deutschland sitting in Jerusalem, Palestine. Delay was recommended in the case of the Gran Logia de LL y AA MM del Estado de Chiapa, Tapachula, Mexico and also Gr. Log. Independienta "Cosmos" de AA. LL. y AA. MM. del Estado de Chihuahua, Mexico. The Grand Secretary was commended for having refused the interchange of correspondence with Solidarite Pro-Espagne Antifasciste Comite Central.

The Address of the Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. J. H. Bradley was on the subject of "FREE MASONRY—WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHAT WE DO," and proved to be a very interesting talk.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is once more from the pen of Thomas Chauncey Humphry, that patriarch of Masonry for the States of Oklahoma and Arkansas, who is ninety years young and presented his thirty-second report. We congratulate him on his achievement and thank him for his review of Alberta.

M. W. Grand Master—Dave H. Wilson, Muskogee.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Claude A. Sturgeon, Guthrie.

W.I.

OREGON

Eighty-seventh Annual Communication, Portland, June 16th, 17th and 18th, 1937.

Grand Lodge was convened in the Commandery Room of the Masonic Temple, with M. W. Bro. R. Frank Peters presiding.

The Grand Master's address, which is placed at the front of the Proceedings, shows that he has been a very busy man in the discharge of his Masonic duties, and one can only wonder how he found time to carry on with his judicial work as well. He travelled over 20,000 miles, and delivered over sixty addresses on Masonic subjects. Six corner stones had been laid during the year, and while the Grand Lodge was holding its Communication it took time off to lay a seventh, that of the State Capitol Building, at Salem. Nearly 3,000 Masons were in attendance at this last function, while the addresses were broadcast. Visits were made, among others, to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia in session at Nanaimo, and to a reception given by the Lodges of Vancouver in honour of the Grand Master of British Columbia, M. W. Bro. Samuel McClure, of Victoria.

The Grand Master thought that a firm stand should be taken by Masons against the forms of Government that do not tolerate Masonry within their borders, and mentioned Russia, Germany and Italy. Masonic influence should be directed against the subversive movements which, if permitted to go unchallenged, might eventually gain control in the United States, and destroy their liberties, free institutions and Masonry.

The liquor question is causing considerable discussion, and seems difficult to be dealt with satisfactorily. Lodges are reluctant to file charges, and trial commissions are reluctant to convict. At the same time the Grand Master believes that there are Masons operating or working in places within the state, which, if not saloons within the strict interpretation of the law, at least their business is of no credit to Masonry, and causes Masonry to be held up to ridicule and scorn. He closed his address with this admonition: "We are each proud of our membership in the Masonic Fraternity, but let us never forget that it is far more important that we should so order and conduct our individual lives that the Fraternity may be proud of us."

The Grand Lodge Oration was delivered by Bro. Alfred E. Clark, Grand Orator, who took as his subject "The Constitution of the United States." If we were to follow our own inclination we would incorporate most of this address in this review, since nearly everything he said applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to most democracies at the present time, and nowhere more fittingly than to our own Province of Alberta. The whole Oration is a most searching and penetrating analysis of tendencies obtaining throughout the world today, and brings a timely warning to us all.

The net loss for the year in membership was 439, as against 853 for the previous year. The year 1934 seems to have been the peak for losses, with 1,949, since which time there has been a gradual improvement.

The Travelling Trowel has visited every lodge in the jurisdiction, and now takes its place among the archives of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Otto C. Hagmeier, P.G.M., Foreign Correspondent, presented his Fourth Review, one of the most extensive that we have seen. Sixty Foreign Jurisdictions have been noted at considerable length, and a great amount of interesting material has been gathered. We notice that in his summary of Grand Jurisdictions as to membership

only three, Ohio, Tasmania and Western Australia, show gains. But the losses are decreasing steadily. Alberta is given two pages, and is well covered.

M. W. Grand Master—Carl G. Patterson, Baker.

R. W. Grand Secretary—D. Rufus Cheney, Portland.

C.V.B.

PENNSYLVANIA

This Grand Lodge holds quarterly communications in March, June, September and December. The March communication was presided over by R. W. Bro. Robt. R. Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of the Grand Master through illness.

The report of the Committee on Appeals reveals rather an interesting case. A brother was charged with wilfully and maliciously voting for the rejection of a petitioner of racial and religious intolerance, and on a second ballot again voting for the rejection of the petitioner without reason to believe that he was in any respect unfitted to become a Freemason. One of the two brethren who preferred the charges testified that he saw a blackball in the hand of the accused on one of the occasions referred to in the charges and the other accuser gave the same testimony in regard to the other occasion. There was no evidence that the accused had ever admitted that he had blackballed the petitioner or that he did not have sufficient Masonic reason for so doing. The finding of the Committee is very satisfactory and to quote from their report:

"It is not only a Master Mason's right but his secret, which no brother should seek to obtain possession of, directly or indirectly, and which, when once known by accident or espionage, a brother should not expose.

"If he makes known the fact of having voted a blackball, and admits in doing so his motives were false and malicious, he must take the consequences of his indiscretion and admissions. A brother may remove the veil of secrecy, and unfold the reasons of his conduct if he sees fit, but until he does so voluntarily and of his own accord, it is Masonically wrong to seek to penetrate or force his mystery from him."

The Quarterly Communication of September 1st contains an appropriate "In Memoriam" to R. W. Bro. Louis Arthur Watres, G.M. in 1916 and 1917, who was active not only in Masonic circles but also in Military, Law and business as well as community life.

This Communication was marked by the celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States. Of the 39 Deputies or Delegates who signed the Constitution, 20 of them were Freemasons.

R. W. Bro. John A. Perry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, passed away at his home on November 20th, 1937. He had been Grand Secretary for a period of twenty-six years, and our sympathy goes out to this Grand Body in the loss they have thus sustained.

A very excellent report is presented by the Committee on Library and Museum. "The psychology of securing new books for a library and antiques for a museum and properly taking care of the constant added material as it comes in, is a never failing source of interest to a librarian, and should be as interesting to the Master Mason. It is in many ways the best pleasure producer at any time, and should be a means of inspiration to the brethren."

At the Annual Communication held on December 27th the R. W. the Grand Master delivered his address which, to a large extent, was an account of his stewardship. In order to relieve the crowded condition of the Masonic Homes, they instituted "Home Assistance for Adults." The idea worked out very satisfactorily and many members, their wives or widows are now efficiently taken care of in this manner and the breaking of home ties avoided.

No Review of Proceedings is undertaken by this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Grand Master—Robt. R. Lewis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harold N. Rust, P.G.M.

W.I.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Twenty-fifth Annual Communication held at Manila, January 26th, 1937. M. W. Bro. Conrado Benitez, Grand Master.

Lodges, 102. Membership, 5,224. Loss, 92.

Alberta is honored by having the Grand Master as her Grand Representative.

Formal greetings were extended from District No. 5, which has jurisdiction for the Philippines in China.

Well informed Masons know that many Masons had a hand in the writing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States. It is of historic interest to observe that in the Constitutional Convention of the Philippine Islands many Masons were members and organized themselves with the deliberate intention of making the new Constitution of the Philippine Islands a truly Masonic document. "In this effort they succeeded," says the Grand Master.

This Grand Master commends the practice of providing scholarships for gifted individuals and says, in part, "Just as we erect monuments of bronze and marble to perpetuate the memory of our great men and Masons, so should we develop living monuments to Masonry by aiding gifted individuals to attain perfection in the various fields of human endeavor." With which sentiment we most cordially agree.

Race feeling seems to raise its ugly head in the Philippines and in speaking of it Grand Master Benitez comments thus: "To regard the whole human species as one family—that is truly an expression of the highest type of idealism!"

"But as your Grand Master this year, I must frankly confess that I have been imbued with a lesser type of idealism. . . ."

" . . . I cared less for the absolute ideal of regarding the whole human species as one family, but more of the conservation of brotherly

love, of mutual understanding, and of friendliness among the brethren of different nationalities in our own jurisdiction. . . .”

“Why waste our time preaching the universal brotherhood of man, when there is confusion in our own temple. . . .”

All of which seems eminently sensible and practical, for surely concord like charity must begin at home.

The unfortunate severance of relations by some Grand Lodges from the Philippines seems likely to be healed. M. W. Bro. Benitez speaks dispassionately but hopefully of the present situation. We can but sympathetically express our wish that his hope will end in full fruition.

We cannot leave the Grand Master's address without expressing our personal admiration of this Patriot, Mason, and Scholar. We observe that among the list of works proposed for Masonic libraries appear two books from his pen and a third in collaboration. We read through his whole address the burning glow of the patriot and the zeal of the Mason who has really seen the “Hieroglyphic Bright.” To observe not only the growth of a Masonic Grand Lodge but the birth of a Nation through the eyes of one of its own sons is a privilege which is thrilling indeed.

A Resolution to change the name of the Grand Lodge from the “Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands”—respectfully abbreviating the full title—to the “Grand Lodge of the Philippines” was rejected on recommendation of the Committee of Jurisprudence, as was a Resolution to set up medical dispensaries for indigent Masons, and a proposed Federation of Women to be sponsored by Grand Lodge and similar in plan and purpose to the Order of the Eastern Star.

A proposal to extend the term of the Grand Master to two years instead of one as at present was defeated.

The usual statistics and a Review of Correspondence rounds out an excellent volume. Alberta receives kindly mention.

Twenty-sixth Annual Communication to be held at Manila, January 25th, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Joseph H. Alley, Manila.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Teodoro M. Kalaw, Manila.

A.M.M.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Sixty-second Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Crapaud on 23rd June, 1937, presided over by M. W. Bro. Ward, the Grand Master.

Alberta was represented by V. W. Bro. George R. Brady.

The Grand Master was in attendance at the Seventy-second Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and visited all the lodges within his jurisdiction. He reports that increasing interest is being taken in affairs Masonic.

He recommends that a committee be appointed to obtain a standard "Work" to be kept by the Grand Secretary and used as a reference. He was not called upon for a "ruling" during his year of office.

The sum of \$520.00 was expended in benevolence.

The Grand Secretary reports a decrease in membership of 28. Although this is the sixth consecutive year in which such a report has been made there is nevertheless a marked improvement in this situation.

Four members were presented with buttons marking fifty years continuous membership in the Order.

M. W. Bro. Gordon, P.G.M., is the author of a brief report on behalf of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He regrets that the promised all inclusive review has not been forthcoming. The reviewer deals chiefly with the Bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and follows up with quotations from the Proceedings of various Grand Lodges on this continent. Again we express the hope that Prince Edward Island will soon be able to present an "all-inclusive review."

G.M.B.

QUEBEC

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held at Montreal on 10th February, 1937, M. W. Bro. J. D. McFadyen presiding.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Christie.

Due acknowledgment by loyal resolution was given to the accession to the Throne of His Gracious Majesty King George the Sixth.

The Grand Master's fine address opens on the same note of optimism common to all jurisdictions this year. His opinion is that signs lead us to hope that the past year has lifted us out of the "Seven Lean Years" into years of plenty.

Among the many visits paid the Grand Master was present at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Main, Vermont and Canada in Ontario.

On 22nd May at Chateauguay Lodge four members were presented with fifty year badges. Truly time marches on.

The Grand Master accompanied by M. W. Bro. Williamson, of happy memory, attended the Bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland when our present King, then Duke of York, was installed as Grand Master Mason. He describes the event as being virtually a "League of Nations." The Grand Master gives a pleasing detailed account of the proceedings.

Much salutary advice is given under the captions "Guarding our Portals" and "Our Young Brothers." Under the latter heading we find the following:

"There is a growing feeling ripening into a firm conviction that a large majority of those brethren are lost to Masonry because they have not received fair treatment in those days of initiation when their

minds were most susceptible to favorable impressions. Our brother was informed he was being brought to light whilst in reality he was still allowed to flounder about in the dark. At such a time a little personal guidance, a little careful instruction might have given him a glimmer of light which he would be encouraged to follow until full revelations came to him—such as would have gripped his heart and held him loyal through the days and years to follow.”

What the Grand Master says is all too true and it is to be hoped that his remedial steps will produce the desired results.

He makes constructive suggestions regarding punctuality in opening and closing, deportment and ritualism, all worthy of close attention.

We must quote one more paragraph:

“We have in Masonry those principles for living, which, if properly heeded, form the best possible bulwark against the many evils that threaten our national life as Fascism, Communism and all the forms of Dictatorship rampant in the world of today, and knocking loudly at our door for admission, and if admitted would endanger our traditions of freedom and impartial justice, without which Freemasonry could not possibly flourish.”

Altogether a splendid address.

The Grand Chaplain's address is worthy of repetition in full, but since space forbids we must rest content by recommending it to all Masons. It is in its essence the religious philosophy of Masonry.

The net loss in membership is 345, but revenue shows an increase.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, while mostly of local interest, indicate the active and careful discharge of their duties by these officers.

The first report of the Permanent Committee—known to us as the Board of General Purposes—was presented. The Committee met eight times during the year and had a splendid attendance on each occasion.

The sum of \$4,425.00 was expended in benevolence, thirty-seven applications having been approved.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. E. A. Evans. Alberta receives kindly mention.

G.M.B.

QUEENSLAND

Proceedings for the year ending June, 1937.

M. W. Bro. Sir Leslie O. Wilson was elected Grand Master for a third term.

We quote in part from his installation address:

“One of the most historic and interesting visits which I made was to the Dynamic Lodge, No. 282, last October, on the occasion of the initiation of the eighth son of R. W. Bro. J. A. Boden, who conducted

the ceremony, when all the officers' chairs were filled by the R. W. Brother's sons. I doubt if in all the history of Freemasonry, Brethren will find a similar Masonic occasion."

Grand Lodge congratulated the Grand Master upon being appointed Governor of the State, for a further term.

During the year the financial position of Grand Lodge improved very materially.

The Proceedings contained a very interesting account of the visit to New Guinea by the Pro Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers. The special object of the visit was the consecration of a lodge on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland. Ten brethren chartered a special plane to transport them at a personal cost of about \$50.00 a head, in order to be present at the inaugural meeting of the lodge.

The usual annual service was held on Anzac Day, April the 25th, 1937, around the Memorial urn within the entrance hall of the Masonic Temple on which occasion the M. W. the Grand Master delivered an eloquent address.

On the occasion of the earthquake at Rabaul, Grand Lodge funds were available immediately for assistance.

E.T.B.

RHODE ISLAND

1936

One Hundred and Forty-fifth Annual Communication; Grand Master M. W. Bro. James A. Tillinghast.

Rhode Island holds two sessions a year. The Semi-Annual in November and the Annual in May. Owing to the press of business at the Annual, invitations to distinguished visitors are confined to the Semi-Annual when there is a better opportunity to hear their messages and personally meet them.

The Grand Master found it difficult to evaluate lodge work and Masonic accomplishment and has called for new and more complete lodge reports covering finances and "applied Masonry." Sessions of instruction were held where Masters and Wardens met. These lodge officers each receive a copy of Carl Claudy's "The Master's Book" which they turn over to their successor at installation.

The Masonic Welfare Board, which it was hoped would serve as an exchange for employment, has experienced the usual course for such experiments because of the difficulty of organizing efficient machinery and then maintaining such to function satisfactorily.

Grand Lodge adopted a "Distinguished Service Medal" to be awarded for "outstanding proficiency both in the knowledge and demonstrations of the arts and sciences of Freemasonry." Claude L. Allen, Grand Master of Massachusetts, was the recipient of the first medal in recognition of his Masonic worth and from the fact that Rhode Island Masonry sprang from Massachusetts.

A Grand Lodge Bulletin is found to be very useful in supporting the Grand Master's program and informing the Craft in advance of pending Grand Lodge legislation.

New application forms for candidates were adopted, as well as investigation report forms. These are in many respects like ours excepting they have very pointed questions seeking information as to activity in social, charitable or religious work—where and when did you receive your education—membership in what other organizations—and FINANCIAL REFERENCES.

The Foreign Relations Committee recommended that fraternal relations be entered into with Norway and Sweden.

Consideration was given to the elimination of jurisdictional lines of lodges as there has been some friction caused thereby and not a little jealousy. Perhaps an unfinished "Temple" and its unpaid financial obligations has much to do with the situation. No action seems to have been taken despite the recommendation of the Grand Master.

Lodges, 43. Membership, 17,043. Loss, 416.

M. W. Grand Master—Albert Knight.

R. W. Grand Secretary—H. L. McAuslin.

V.H.M.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Thirty-first Annual Communication of Grand Lodge was held in Moose Jaw on 16th June, 1937, Most Worshipful Bro. J. W. Estey presiding.

Alberta's representative was not present, but our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, was one of the distinguished visitors.

In his address the Grand Master makes suitable reference to the accession to the Throne of His Majesty King George VI.

The Grand Master attended all but two of the District Meetings. He attended the dedication of the Masonic Temple of Azure Lodge No. 122 at Eastend. The members of that lodge are to be congratulated upon their courage and enterprise. Their particular district has experienced seven years of abnormal drought yet in face of difficulty and discouragement they have provided themselves with a Masonic Temple.

The Grand Master attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The Grand Master refused dispensations to confer the third degree within twenty-eight days and to confer the second and third degrees on the same night. He holds that good and sufficient reason should be disclosed for such an exercise of the Grand Master's power. We respectfully agree.

Under the heading of "Masonic Education" the Grand Master indulges in extensive Masonic philosophizing. The quotation of one paragraph must suffice:

"We are permitted into membership because we believe in God, not because we accept any particular theological view or adhere to any religious dogma. Again, we are accepted into membership because we believe in the maintenance of the State and the preservation of law and order but not because we adhere to any one political view. With respect to these and other matters we may entertain differences of opinion and properly so; opinions which, in proper places, we may and ought to give expression to, but the fields of religious, political, commercial and industrial controversies are outside the proper activities of the Masonic lodge."

Interesting reports were received from the District Deputy Grand Masters dealing briefly with the condition of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction.

Relief payments amounted to \$15,716.13.

Net loss in membership is 169.

The Committee on the Condition of Masonry presents a detailed report, district by district. One paragraph should be quoted:

"Finally, that in these days of tyrants and the shaking of the mailed fist, the days of brass mouths and iron lungs, we should with ever greater zeal endeavor to preserve our Order which has ever been a watch tower of tolerance and liberty and to continue to cement and adorn it with every social and moral virtue."

Grand Lodge is awake to the difficulties which have arisen through the granting of Life Memberships. A special committee is to investigate and report to the next annual meeting.

As is usual in this jurisdiction the programme of the Committee on Masonic Education is printed in full. The various articles are full of interest and warrant the close study of every member.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence comes from the pen of M. W. Bro. Martin. Alberta's Proceedings for 1936 are kindly and sympathetically received.

G.M.B.

SCOTLAND

The May Quarterly Communication of 1937 was held in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, and at this meeting the resignation of the Grand Master Mason, His Majesty The King, was received, stating that on his succession to the throne he had ceased participating actively in Freemasonry, but conveying his assurance that he would always regard Scottish Freemasonry with a deep and personal interest. Grand Lodge, by resolution, recorded their deep gratitude to the M. W. Grand Master Mason for the outstanding service he gave to the Scottish Craft during his tenure of office.

This Grand Lodge sent a special deputation to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina on the occasion of its Bi-Centenary Celebration, which reported the wonderful success of the occasion, the cordial welcome given and magnificent hospitality with which they were entertained, stating that the visit afforded a unique and valuable opportunity of meeting representatives of nearly all their sister Grand Lodges in the United States, and emphasized the conviction which

had been forced upon them with increasing vigor throughout their trip, viz., that the Masonic chain which binds all members of the Craft, has been immeasurably strengthened by the personal contacts which a visit such as theirs was able to establish.

This Grand Lodge is in the throes of revising their Constitution and speaks of the very difficult and necessarily protracted labors in connection therewith, which they are anxious to expedite. We can sympathise with them as Alberta has recently had the same experience. For instance, the Finance Committee, on examining the new proposals objected to the suggested alterations affecting the General and Orphan Annuity Funds, which they are afraid may lead to very much reduced collections. And they also complained that the increase budgeted for in the General Fund is excessive. Then the Auditor of Grand Lodge wrote, dealing with the proposed revision, pointing out that the proposals affect the charitable activities of Grand Lodge and that the Benevolent Fund in particular would be affected unless it has a share of fees. He also stated that an arrangement, which makes use of what is a voluntary contribution to charity, to supply funds for administrative purposes, in his opinion was not a sound method of financing the administration of an important body like Grand Lodge. In a memorandum submitted by another brother, it was pointed out "that Freemasonry is not a 'Benefit Society,' that service to our brethren and the Craft is our outstanding feature. Most of us have enjoyed its happy associations, have appreciated its spiritual and moral lesson and exercised the privilege of helpfulness. Its charitable mission has been liberally aided by brethren without one thought of return." It was further pointed out that some of the proposals of the committee may have the effect of seriously reducing the contributions by the brethren. In short, the committee is having a difficult time in reconciling the different view points put forward, but no doubt Grand Lodge will arrive at a fair and just decision and their labors will not be in vain.

At the August Communication, amongst other business, it was agreed to publish for the information of lodges questions recently submitted for the Opinion of Counsel, (Sir John C. Watson, K.C., and Mr. George A. Montgomery) with their answers, some of which may be of interest, such as: "Are the individual members of a Masonic lodge, which becomes insolvent, personally liable, jointly or severally, for payment of the debts of the lodge, when the lodge funds are exhausted?" Answer: No, unless in case of a personal guarantee or otherwise of members. "Have the creditors of a daughter lodge, which becomes insolvent, any claim upon the charter, books, papers, jewels, clothing and paraphernalia of the lodge, or any part thereof? If so, can they insist on selling all these articles? Or is its charter the exclusive property of Grand Lodge?" Answer: No. These articles cannot be disposed of by members of the lodge and are not attachable by creditors.

J.H.W.S.K.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for the year ending April, 1937.

M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Gowrie, V.C., Governor General, on a 13,000 mile journey around Australia, spent an evening at a small out-of-the-way settlement on the coast of Western Australia, where a

lodge had been formed, of eight members, who met in an old tin hut. They held a Lodge Meeting for his benefit and initiated a candidate. At that meeting there were brethren who had ridden horses 160 miles in order to be present at the ceremony.

R. W. Bro. Bayly, speaking to Grand Lodge, said in part:

"When they considered what was behind all this chaos and confusion they could not help feeling that the great organization of Freemasonry was an important factor in consolidating the British people.

"There was no doubt that at present the future of civilisation was hanging in the balance. It, therefore, behooves Freemasons, one and all, to use their efforts to counteract such influences. If they continued to infuse the spirit of Masonry throughout the length and breadth of the land, and carry on the fight for peace, harmony, and goodwill, which, after all, were the principles of the Craft, much could be accomplished for the good of civilisation."

V. W. Bro. Kiek, Grand Lecturer gave an address on the Ancient Landmarks. He said in part:

"One could mention a few of them. . . . belief in the G.A.O. T.U., the exclusion of women, the prohibition of political and sectarian controversy, the ethical code of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, Freemasonry did not debate these things; it assumed them. Without them the Craft would cease to be."

We quote the Deputy Grand Master regarding Masonry in the outlying provinces:

"Freemasonry in these outposts, if fairly interpreted in the lives of its votaries, has much scope as an ennobling influence. Where religious observances and other activities for character building are not found in anything like the vigour we are accustomed to in city life, the principles and tenets of our Order translated into action cannot fail to make a distinct impression on the community."

The Grand Inspector reported a satisfactory uniformity in ritual work following the recent adoption of a new ritual by Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Inspector has this to say about ritual work:

"It would seem that many Brethren become worried because they do not render our Ritual word for word. I would point out that obvious sincerities, although it may be delivered without true elocutionary effect, is far more likely to impress the candidate with our moral teachings. Word memory is far from being the 'summum bonum' of Freemasonry. First impressions have a vital bearing on the outlook of the initiate, he is not aware whether the Ritual has been given absolutely correctly or not, yet he is undoubtedly able to feel, and therefore appreciate that the Brethren who have rendered it have really felt it themselves."

We note with very much regret the death of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, P.D.G.M., who had served in that capacity for many years.

The Constitution was amended to require both vouchers and proof in the case of a visiting brother. The question became urgent on account

of a member of another Constitution having made it a practice to go from lodge to lodge merely by proving himself and it afterwards found that he was not in good standing.

The usual review of Foreign Correspondence is attached.

E.T.B.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Two Hundredth Annual! And the Grand Master was none other than Joseph E. Hart, recent travelling companion to Edinburgh of this reviewer. It had been our hope to be present in Charleston, but duties in Alberta prevented at the last moment. Many distinguished visitors from home and abroad were treated to four delightful days of Masonic intercourse sandwiched with much sightseeing.

Responding to the Toast to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina a brother epitomized the true purpose of the occasion: "We meet, not so much for the purpose of celebrating the achievements of our Masonic fathers as to dedicate ourselves anew to the principles which called Freemasonry into existence, and may it be a time for aspiration, for high resolve and re-dedication."

In the year 1735 Lord Weymouth, Grand Master in England, granted a warrant for a lodge in Charles Town. Solomon's Lodge was however not formed until the following year, and its first Master became Provincial Grand Master. Soon a period of indifference overtook the Craft, perhaps in part the result of similar conditions in England, namely a rival Grand Body with the Ancients on the one hand and the Moderns on the other. Reconciliation did not take place until 1818. Masonry suffered rough going during the years of the American Revolution when the Provincial Grand Master left to join the British forces, and especially during the period when the city of Charleston was occupied by the overseas army. The troublous days of the American "war between the States" as our southern friends are pleased to designate the Civil War, again found Charleston under fire and many precious records were lost forever. Then ensued a long period of growth in members, Masonic activity and the achieving of a place high in the annals of the Craft at large. During part of this period the Grand Lodge was so brilliantly served by A. G. Mackey as Grand Secretary, and of whom they are so justly proud.

The Grand Master was not supported by the Jurisprudence Committee in his recommendation of the appointment of a Committee to study the methods of holding Trials with a view of relieving a lodge of the disturbing effects of hearing its own cases. One regrets it, as Trial by Commission has many things in its favor.

The Service Committee finds that the Lodge Plan of Education is good for candidate and lodge member, relieving officers to attend to their proper duties. They recommend that every lodge shall once in each year hold a public religious service.

Before Grand Lodge closed special jewels were presented to Sir Francis Davies, United Grand Lodge of England, and to Viscount Traprain, representing the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Alberta proceedings are reviewed in the Correspondence Report, which is largely confined to quotations without comment.

Members, 17,889. Increase, 133.

V.H.M.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sixty-third Annual Communication, Aberdeen, June 8th and 9th, 1937.

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, and was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel G. Mortimer. The W. M. of Aberdeen Lodge welcomed Grand Lodge to the City of Aberdeen, and the W. M. of Sunrise Lodge made a suitable reply.

Two Masonic Temples were dedicated, and one corner stone laid during the year.

We quote the following from the Grand Master's Address:

"The conditions in this jurisdiction the past year have not been conducive to any increase in membership, rather has it been a matter of doing the best we could to retain that which we had; to centre our efforts on getting down to the essentials of true Masonry, and the exemplification of the tenets of our professions. I have endeavoured to bring to such lodges as I was able to contact the realization of our individual responsibility for the doing of some act of kindness to our needy brethren and their dependents, and a realization of our responsibilities as good citizens in the welfare and support of our government.

"Some one has well said: 'The present generation of Masons is in no wise responsible for the past, they may be largely responsible for the future, but the entire responsibility of the present rests with them.' There must be an exact correspondence between our professions and our actions, otherwise we shall be found teaching that which is not supported by our deeds. It is not so much what a Mason professes as what he does that furnishes the standard of measurement applied by the world at large, and the living question that confronts us to-day is: What are the fruits of Freemasonry in the lives and conduct of those who profess it? The lives of men and Masons of other days have passed into history. We of the present day are making history which shall be read by those who come after us, and it should be our great concern to give such a character to that history as will bring credit to ourselves and reflect honour on the Order."

Conditions throughout the jurisdiction showed general improvement. Officers are becoming more proficient, and better degree work is being performed. The Grand Master recommended that smaller lodges consolidate, but this step must be left to the decision of the lodges affected.

The Liquor Question is causing anxiety, and the Grand Master was afraid that he had not possibly done his duty in not directing charges to be preferred against those engaged in the business. He also warned that those engaged in promoting lotteries, etc., are making themselves liable to Masonic discipline. He was very disappointed in being unable to make a contribution along with other jurisdictions towards the George Washington National Memorial Fund.

One lodge found it necessary to surrender its charter.

The several funds, and there are many of them, are in a healthy condition, so far as we can judge.

The Report of the Grand Secretary shows the membership at 15,495, a net loss of 553:

The Grand Representative of Alberta failed to respond to Roll Call.

There is no Review of Foreign Correspondence, but in its place the Principles of Freemasonry, as conceived by the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, are set forth, along with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. This possesses considerable merit, although it may not be as interesting to a reviewer.

M. W. Grand Master—Herman F. Chapman, Sioux Falls.

R. W. Grand Secretary—W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls.

C.V.B.

TASMANIA

Proceedings of Grand Lodge for year ending March 6th, 1937.

The Report shows a prosperous state of affairs of Grand Lodge, in every way, during the year.

A very interesting item was the consecration of a new lodge known as "Old Grammarians Lodge." The membership is derived from the graduates of the school at Launceston, the oldest in Australia in continuous existence, a school which has striven to maintain those ideals that are the glory of the English public schools.

We quote from the address of the M. W. Bro. Sir Ernest Clark, Grand Master.:

"I think it is a subject of great congratulation to a Grand Lodge of only 46 years' standing in the small community to have accumulated funds of nearly £20,000. Let me say, however, that the possibilities for expansion in the work of our benevolent fund are almost unlimited, and that the more the Brethren are able to contribute towards the welfare of those Masons who have fallen on hard times, the more we shall be fulfilling the primary object of our Order, which is neither ritual nor hospitality (however important such functions may be), but fellowship and brotherhood and all that these words imply, helping, comforting, and encouraging not only our Brethren, but the men and women with whom we may be brought into contact in our daily life, specially those to whom fortune has not been too kind."

The Grand Chaplain gave a most interesting and instructive oration in which he pointed out that: "It is not without significance surely, that the non-Masonic world uses a term for strict truth as being 'on the level', a term of peculiar significance to a Mason."

Also:

"If I were Master of a Lodge again and had to choose a man for an important office I would choose not necessarily the best speaker

or the finest memoriser, but the best exponent of Masonry in personal life."

"No amount of efficiency within the Lodge can ever overcome a failure to live up to true Masonic standards outside."

E.T.B.

TENNESSEE

The One Hundred and Twenty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in the City of Nashville on January the 27th, 1937, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William R. Holland, presiding.

Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Representative of Alberta, R. W. Bro. Luther E. Davis, who is also one of the Custodians of the Work, was present.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C. Two lodges were consolidated. Two Charters were suspended.

In connection with a Grotto Carnival, we excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"The Commission recommended that all Masons, connected with or sponsoring the carnival complained of, be reprimanded, but this was not a trial commission—just an investigating committee. To my mind, the carnival held by Amra Grotto in Knoxville was a scandal and disgrace to the Masonic Fraternity. I shall transmit the entire record in the case to the incoming Grand Master, with the recommendation that he order the lodges in which these Masons sponsoring and participating in the aforesaid carnival hold membership, to prefer charges against them for unmasonic conduct, and that they be tried either by their own lodges or Trial Commissions appointed by the Grand Master for that purpose."

In the Grand Master's address he covers the subject of Masonic Homes having special reference to children. This part of the address is too lengthy to report here, but anyone interested would do well to read Tennessee. In short, the plan is to use the Home as a clearing house and later provide private homes for the children. The committee on the Widows' and Orphans' Home was enabled to live within their appropriation of \$75,000.00.

The Grand Master recommended that the mileage for attendance at this annual communication be five cents per mile one way and that the per diem be five dollars per day.

The membership figures for the last eight years are comparatively interesting and shows the tide has turned.

	<i>Net loss</i>		<i>Net loss</i>
1929-----	665	1933-----	3,692
1930-----	412	1934-----	1,876
1931-----	1,693	1935-----	1,256
1932-----	3,461	1936-----	654

The travelling Rhode Island Bible was presented at the altar and rededicated with a suitable ceremony at which the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. A. W. Lassiter, delivered an oration.

The Lodge System of Masonic Education, as in use in New York, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, was adopted. An appropriation of \$275.00 was made to cover cost of printing the pamphlet.

The Review is written by M. W. Bro. John T. Peeler. He very courteously and generously reviews Alberta.

M. W. Bro. Neale M. Rutland—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Doss—Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

TEXAS

The One Hundred and Second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. was held in the City of Waco, Texas, on Wednesday, December 1st, 1937, with M. W. Bro. Galloway Calhoun, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Following the usual custom of the brethren of Waco an enjoyable programme was presented for the entertainment of the members and visitors of Grand Lodge immediately prior to the opening.

We are pleased to note that the representative for Alberta, W. Bro. David Doole, Jr., was able to answer the roll call at the reception of Grand Representatives. R. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., responded on behalf of the representatives in a very pleasing manner.

Texas at this Communication was celebrating its Centennial and as a consequence many distinguished brethren from the principal jurisdictions of the American Continent attended. To R. W. Bro. Jewel P. Lightfoot was given the task of delivering the address of welcome to the visitors.

The address of the Grand Master is heavily interspersed with poetic effusions, in fact his soul seems to burst forth on the slightest pretext. When the Grand Master assumed office to the end that he might better carry on during this historic year, he selected as a theme for the year "A Re-dedication to the principles to which Masonry has ever stood" and urged upon the members to harken back to the Altars of their forefathers and re-dedicate themselves to the principles of Masonry.

Being greatly concerned over the large number of Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues the Grand Master made a plea for all worthy brethren to be reinstated and as a result of the efforts put forth by the lodges 4,853 were returned to the fold.

The Grand Master reports that the funds of Grand Lodge are in excellent condition; each of the various funds show a substantial balance and during the year there had been collected for these funds something over \$255,000.00.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of three new lodges during the year, while several lodges consolidated with others to make their position more secure.

The Grand Master gave a ruling, "that it was improper to rent the lower floor of a Masonic building to a beer agency to store beer, from which such beer is said to be sold, even though it is represented that no packages will be open in the place of business and that such agency will engage in the wholesale business only. The Jurisprudence Committee do not agree with the Grand Master on this point in-so-far as it affects such cases where liquors are sold lawfully as an incident to other lawful businesses such as drug stores, restaurants, etc., and are of the opinion that such sales, under such circumstances, fall under a different rule and the rental of lodge property to such legitimate class of business falls exclusively within the discretion of the lodge.

Texas Proceedings of 1937 has a surfeit of Masonic Addresses of one kind and another, but seldom has it been our privilege to enjoy so much Masonic lore as is contained in these several addresses. To those preparing Masonic Talks, etc., we would commend this volume as containing a mine of information.

Of all the galaxy of distinguished brethren who attended this centennial celebration, perhaps the most outstanding in American Masonry is M. W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, P.G.M. of Massachusetts, who in an address before this Grand Lodge gave a succinct and interesting Bird's Eye View of World Masonry. Here is an address that should be read by every Master Mason for it will give him a vision of what Masonry stands for and is doing throughout the world, as well as the great privilege he is enjoying in living in a land where Liberty, Equality and Justice to all prevails. We would like M. W. Bro. Johnson's address read in every lodge in Alberta.

A tableau was presented by the Committee on Masonic Education and Service entitled, "The Golden Circle," or Light of the Square and Compass, and was based upon authentic Masonic records and history of early Masonry in Texas.

Your reviewer would have liked to refer in more detail to some of the other Masonic addresses but space forbids. Seldom has it been our privilege to enjoy a Masonic volume so much as we did in reading Texas for 1937.

A very interesting report is that of the Grand Librarian, as presented by R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, Grand Secretary. It is divided under suitable headings dealing with "Historical Reference and Research," Book Collection, Connecting Library and Potential Reader, "What do they do with the books they borrow" Cataloging and Classifying, etc., etc.

A number of applications for recognition were received from Grand Lodges in the United States of Brazil and Columbia also Peru but for lack of information these were laid over for further consideration by the Committee on Foreign Relations. Recognition was extended to the following Grand Lodges in the United States of Mexico:

Grand Lodge "Chiapas" whose seat of Government is at Tapachula in the State of Chiapas.

Grand Lodge "Occidental" located at Guadalajara in the State of Jalisco, Mexico.

Grand Lodge "Benito Juarez" whose seat of government is in the City of Torreon in the State of Coahuila, Mexico.

Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, whose residence is Tampico, Tamaulipas, Mexico.

"Gran Logia" "Unida Mexicana" de LL y AA. MM. de Vera Cruz, Grand Lodge of the Valley of Mexico whose seat of government is in the City of Mexico and its jurisdiction confined to the Federal District of Mexico.

Texas is in a very favorable position of knowing and understanding Masonry as practised in Mexico and a very complete statement appears in the report of the Committee which our own Committee would do well to study when such applications are presented to them for consideration.

In addition to the Committee granting recognition to the above, the Grand Lodge of Texas instructed them to seek recognition from the National Grand Lodge of Denmark, whose residence is the City of Copenhagen and of which His Majesty King Christian is Grand Master; and also from the Grand Lodge of Norway.

A strict application of the well recognised principle of exclusive territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in the territory they occupy compelled Texas to withdraw recognition from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and has caused Grand Lodges in Mexico to withdraw recognition from Mexican Lodges in Texas. This leaves unsolved the question of how the English speaking people in Mexico and the Spanish speaking in Texas may be served by Masonry. In order to obtain a solution a resolution was presented to Grand Lodge, authorising the Grand Master to name a committee to attend to this matter.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a very excellent report and a knotty point raised as to what a "Clandestine Mason" might be, came up for consideration. The question arose from the decision of the Grand Master in the case of a visitor to a lodge who was a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, from which Grand Lodge Texas was forced to withdraw recognition. The Grand Master ruled that Texas having severed connection with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico the visiting brother was "clandestine" and therefore could not be admitted. The committee ruled that the Grand Master was in error in using the word "Clandestine" as applied in this case but upheld the decision that admittance could not be granted on the ground that Texas was not in fraternal correspondence with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

R. W. Bro. Temple Houston Morrow, Grand Orator, in his address to Grand Lodge presented a history of the foundation of Masonry in the State of Texas and the formation of this Grand Lodge, which makes very interesting and instructive reading.

A very gracious act by this Grand Lodge was their action in making their Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. W. B. Pearson, who for the past twenty-five years has served them well, Grand Secretary Emeritus at a salary of \$200.00 per month. R. W. Bro. Pearson is now 76 years of age, but we trust that he will be long spared to enjoy his well earned retirement and that he may have many happy days ahead of him. We extend our best wishes and felicitations to him.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of our friend M. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., who is very generous in his treatment of Alberta for 1937. His kind reference to

the reviewer is greatly appreciated and we express our thanks to Bro. Fly. Might we say in closing that besides the great pleasure we had in reading Texas for 1937 the reduced size of the volume made it much easier in handling and we thank you for this consideration.

M. W. Bro. John Temple Rice—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. George H. Belew—Grand Secretary.

W.I.

UTAH

Sixty-sixth Annual Communication, January 19th and 20th, 1937.

Grand Lodge convened in the Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City, and was opened in Ample Form by M. W. Grand Master Christian Henry Fischer. Twenty-five out of the twenty-six lodges were represented.

Alberta's Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. Alexander E. Eberhardt, P.G.M., was present at Roll Call.

The Grand Master does not favour life memberships, but thinks that every Mason should pay dues to his lodge. If he cannot do this then the dues can be remitted.

According to the report brought back from the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington, D.C., in February, infractions of Masonic Law by the Grotto, Shrine and kindred organizations were called to the attention of the several jurisdictions. Utah, however, is free of trouble of this kind. As a word of caution the Grand Master reminded his hearers that they were Masons first, last and all the time, especially when appearing in public. The Eastern Star Order and Communism also came in for discussion in Washington.

The Grand Master recommended that the necessary steps be taken to establish fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Preliminary steps had been taken some years before, but apparently not followed up. He also recommended that each lodge should adopt the budget system, where it is not already in use, as an aid in keeping expenditures within the income.

The adoption of the Revised Code was recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and ratified by Grand Lodge. The Grand Secretary reported that the Masonic sky was brightening. There was still a loss in membership, but it has been growing steadily less for the last four years. This year it had been only thirty.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Harold Cline, delivered an address on "The Fight for Masonic Security," which follows pretty well the same lines as taken by other Grand Orators, although the titles of the addresses may differ in names. We quote the following:

"The fight for Masonic security is not new; it is as ancient as the Fraternity. The fight commenced when Masons first started to suffer that the tradition for which our Craft stands might be perpetuated. Well may you ask, What is that glorious tradition? It is the tradition for promulgating Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Justice, Right and Trust; the tradition of fighting Force, Violence, Despotism, Arrogance, Vanity, Ruthless Ambition.

"Difficult it may be to understand why a Fraternity representing the high ideals of Masonry should ever have to fight for its preservation, but the harsh fact remains that in our so-called enlightened world the fight for Masonic security today becomes warmer, the need for vigilance becomes more apparent to well-read Masons, and sane and sober thought about the matter more urgent.

"In fact it is disclosed that in Germany the party in power has issued an edict concerning Freemasons, as follows: No one is eligible for appointment or promotion in public service who was a member of a Masonic Lodge subsequent to January 30th, 1933, the day on which Hitler took office." Much more follows along the same line, and it must be admitted that events that are happening every day justify all that was set forth in the Oration.

It was decided to change the date of the Annual Communication to the Fourth Monday in September, and the fiscal year to begin on September 1st and end on August 31st.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Sam Henry Goodwin, P.G.M., and like his Proceedings is very complete. We wish always to congratulate the Grand Secretary on the double reference system, which makes the work of a reviewer very easy. Alberta is given two pages of critical survey, and where his views differ he is able to advance good grounds for his opinions. We like to be able to see ourselves as others see us, as it is good for everybody.

M. W. Grand Master—Joseph Granville Titley, Ogden.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Sam Henry Goodwin, Salt Lake City.

C.V.B.

VERMONT

The M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont held its One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Communication in the City of Burlington on June 9th, 1937, with M. W. Bro. William J. Ballou, Grand Master, presiding in the Grand East.

Many distinguished brethren graced the proceedings, including the Grand Masters of Quebec, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire and New York.

We are pleased to note that M. W. Bro. Charles H. Darling, Grand Representative for Alberta, was present.

The address of the Grand Master is an account of his stewardship, giving freely of his time in visiting not only his own districts and lodges but also attending a number of Grand Lodges. A strong plea is made to clean up the outstanding dues in the lodges, it appearing that there is a great accumulation of dues and the desirability of not permitting dues to pile up beyond the brother's capacity to pay. Alberta solved that problem by compelling the lodges to take action in cases where a brother is more than one year in arrears with the result that suspensions were heavy and the dead wood cleared away, but the worthy brother was fully taken care of. The necessity of attending church is also men-

tioned by the Grand Master and St. John's day in June is set apart as a day for all Masons in Vermont to attend church. Attention is also called to the use of Lodge Rooms for purposes other than lodge meetings and the disapproval of the use for secular purposes. Two special communications to dedicate lodge rooms replaced after fire were held.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a loss in membership of 512.

The reports of the various committees would indicate that they had very little work to do, thus suggesting that conditions in Vermont are following the even tenor of their ways. The Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters follow very much the line of Alberta and Masonry is apparently in a healthy condition.

M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, Grand Secretary, once again presents the report of the Foreign Correspondence and has taken the trouble to index the various subjects contained in the Proceedings reviewed.

Alberta receives very generous treatment at the hands of M. W. Bro. Harriman, our Proceedings of 1936 being very completely covered.

M. W. Bro. William J. Ballou, Grand Master.

W.I.

VICTORIA

Proceedings for the year 1937.

Since the last communication of Grand Lodge, there occurred the death of M. W. Bro. George Emery, P.G.M., one of the most distinguished brethren in the jurisdiction. The M. W. the Grand Master referred to at length, the high standing and distinguished merit of the late brother.

The Grand Lodge contributed \$100,000.00 to finance the capital cost of the Freemasons' Hospital.

Six new lodges were constructed and one Temple dedicated during the course of the year.

In his address upon his installation the Grand Master welcomed M. W. Bro. His Excellency Lord Gaurie, V.C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who had officiated at the opening of the first Masonic Hospital, Victoria. He also referred to the fact that in this jurisdiction, there were 519 lodges and more than 50,000 members and that the membership had shown a net increase of 473 members. Referring to the visits to the subordinate lodges, he mentioned that he never attended these lodges with the other Grand Lodge officers, but always made his visits alone.

The financial affairs of Grand Lodge showed continuous improvement throughout the year. Additional cottages were added to the Freemasons' Homes, the endowment fund of which had been increased by over \$8,000.00, from bequests.

V. W. Bro. Hamilton S. Smith, was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of R. W. Bro. E. Coulson, P.D.G.M.

The Board of General Purposes disapproved of letters which had been sent to business firms soliciting donations for a Ball to be held in aid of the Freemasons' Hospital.

Grand Lodge adopted a constitution for the control and management of the Freemasons Hospital, East Melbourne.

The report on Foreign Correspondence includes a review of the Alberta Proceedings ably handled by V. W. Bro. Hamilton S. Smith.

E.T.B.

VIRGINIA

Two Emergent Grand Lodge Communications were held during the year. One was to pay the last respects to the memory of the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Robert D. Ford. The second meeting was to pay a last tribute to one of the Past Grand Masters, M. W. Bro. William L. Andrews.

The One Hundred and Forty-ninth Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond on the 9th of February, 1937, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Lynwood P. Harrell, presiding.

W. Bro. Frank F. Champion, Alberta's Representative, was, as usual, present.

Eight Past Grand Masters were in attendance. M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Wm. M. Brown, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Virginia, was introduced. Distinguished visitors were present from West Virginia, District of Columbia, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina and from the Knights Templar of Virginia.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Masonic Home. We excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"My predecessors for more than forty years have emphasized the importance as well as the progressive great work of your Masonic Home. Time and experience have made this one of the most successfully conducted Homes in the country. It is also most gratifying to be able to say that it is about the most economically conducted of the thirty-eight Homes of the Grand Lodges of the United States, yet the welfare of the child is always the guiding thought of the Board of Governors."

Virginia, like ours and other Grand Jurisdictions, is finding a poor attendance at meetings. We excerpt from the Grand Master's address:

"As many times as we have been present at stated communications of lodges, when officers were being elected for the ensuing year, just as often have we heard the plea of the newly elected Masters for support in the way of better attendance. Indeed, at no meeting hardly do we fail to hear expressed the hope for an increased attendance at our communications. Various ideas have been advanced and sundry remedies have been suggested as a panacea for the failure ever before us to really reach and hold to an interest in Masonry only those composing the faithful guard who, in spite of all discouragement, continue to carry on, happy in the thought that they are laboring for a worthy cause. Like hundreds and thousands of others, I have given much thought to this situation. Obviously, the enthusiasm of the newly-made Mason,

usually quite pronounced and very much in evidence at the beginning, and all of us at one time or another were asked, "Who comes there?" has not been retained for long after he had received the degrees. And is it not just as obvious that there has been a failure to properly prepare the initiate for his new duties and privileges; that a knowledge of our ritual alone is not sufficient but that it is necessary for him to become imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry and to believe in as well as to understand its purposes and ideals? He has been given the tools and equipment of a Mason, and their uses have been explained, and now he needs instruction, stimulation and encouragement in the application of the principles of life and conduct which have been inculcated.

"It may be that our failure to enliven and rejuvenate the spirit and enthusiasm for our work in the hearts of any comparatively great number of those who have joined our ranks, and who for some reason missed the thing sufficiently attractive to hold their interest, is a demonstration that we are not proceeding along the proper lines, that our strategy is poor, and that we must attack the problem on another front."

This trouble is being attacked from an educational standpoint by a series of lectures appropriate for the new member receiving his degrees. We quote further from the Grand Master's address:

"A lodge can put a steady hand on the shoulders of men. It can make one feel he is not alone in the battle. It can create both courage and poise at a crucial hour in the lives of men. Sometimes a member may need more than food and clothing. He needs a friend to stand by. The touch of a friendly hand heartens a man in the conflict of life."

The following Grand Lodges were recognized: Norway, Sweden, Alpina of Switzerland, Czechoslovakia and Vienna.

An appropriation of \$1,000.00 was made to the Masonic Herald which is the official organ of Grand Lodge.

We excerpt from the Jurisprudence Committee's Report:

"Section No. 7. How Subordinate Lodges Represented.—Stationed officers of the subordinate lodges are ex-officio entitled to represent their lodges. If one or more of them be absent, his place may be filled by some brother furnished with a resolution of the lodge appointing him, certified by its Secretary under the seal of the lodge. If the lodge fails to elect proxies, or if none of them can attend, then the Master may under his hand appoint some brother as his proxy, provided that the brother acting as proxy shall be a member of the lodge or of some lodge in the same Masonic district, and provided, further, that no brother shall represent more than three lodges."

We would like to quote from some of the addresses of the distinguished visitors. We commend them to our Alberta brethren.

W. Bro. Clift reviews Alberta, 1936. Thank you, Bro. Clift, for your kind words.

Members, 39,551. Decrease, 839.

M. W. Bro. C. Vernon Eddy—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. James M. Clift—Grand Secretary.

M.M.D.

WASHINGTON

Eightieth Annual Communication held at Tacoma, June 15th, 1937.
M. W. Bro. Ralph E. Tieje, Grand Master.

Lodges, 267. Membership, 40,459. Loss, 550.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank M. McCandless, whom we regret to learn is not enjoying the best of health.

The passing of one Past Grand Master—John Ernest Fowler—is recorded.

Washington is the most far-flung of all the North American jurisdictions and the "adventures" of the Grand Master in Alaska are always interesting reading. M. W. Bro. Tieje reports these far away lodges as prosperous and Masonry a power.

Among many visitations the Grand Master reports one in Vancouver, B.C.

In Washington the Masonic liquor laws seem well nigh absolute when it is ruled, and later confirmed, "that a cook in a restaurant where beer and wine are sold was ineligible to petition."

The capital debt incurred in the erection of the Masonic Home has been erased, a noteworthy incident in these days and times.

Here are two opinions by the Grand Master which should start some argument among the "technicians":

" . . . in my opinion it is distinctly a violation of the ancient landmarks to give the candidate the lecture of the degree at a communication other than that at which he is initiated, passed and raised; and that it is also improper in the second section of the third degree to remove the altar and the lesser lights from their proper position in the center of the Lodge." As an exponent of the same working as Washington we regret we cannot agree with the Grand Master on either point.

The George Washington Memorial, like the liquor question, is an item which frequently appears in the Proceedings from the United States. We do not wish to be ill-mannered in criticising this gigantic scheme, but we cannot help thinking that our Brethren "across the line" are paying dearly for this particular whistle.

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education reports that it is at work on the uncompleted task of collecting and preparing materials for a Masonic handbook to assist the lodges in working out their educational programs.

From the Report of the Grand Lecturer and as a mark for ritualists we quote the following paragraph:

"Precision in repeating the work and lectures is a very worthy goal for which to strive. It is better still to add a correct pronunciation, a distinct enunciation, finished address, and even eloquence, in delivery. But the brother who desires to get the utmost of pleasure and satisfaction from the work should add to this ritualistic perfection an understanding of the meaning of the emblems and allegories, the symbols and traditions of the Craft, and a fine appreciation of the moral and philosophical teachings which combine to ensoul and spiritualize the

Institution of Freemasonry, and the attainment of this jewelled crown of excellence is, and should properly be, the ideal of a Master Mason."

Establishment of mutual relations of amity between the Grand Lodges of Sweden, Denmark and Washington was recommended. Says the Chairman of the Committee: "We believe that there was never a time in the history of the world when there was greater need for Freemasons who are in amity of purpose and aim, to join hands of brotherhood." With which sentiment we most cordially agree.

The Grand Historian's Report consisted of an essay entitled "The Grant Transition" and deals with the change from operative guilds to speculative lodges. A thoughtful paper of decided historic interest.

The Grand Oration is biographical dealing with the life, character and accomplishments of Thomas Milburne Reed, a Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington. "Let us now praise famous men" seems to have been the text of the Grand Orator who discloses his present subject as a Master Mason in word and deed and a model for the present generation of Craftsmen.

Another intensely interesting address by Bro. W. G. Long of the Juvenile Department of the Supreme Court, appears. We would like to quote, but space limitations forbid.

Washington has a Research Lodge, duly chartered No. 281, by the present Grand Master. Already at work in the production of research literature, a brief report of their activities appears. We will watch their progress with very real and sympathetic interest.

In the Report on Correspondence Alberta as always finds generous mention.

Eighty-first Annual Communication to be held at Walla Walla, June 21st, 1938.

M. W. Grand Master—Frank L. Poole, Tacoma.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma.

A. M. M.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for year ending May, 1937.

The Grand Master dealing with the matter of members visiting other lodges pointed out that while a M. M. is privileged to attend as a visitor the meeting of any other lodge, that privilege does not extend to the Festive Board. Particularly does he deprecate visiting by unaffiliated Masons.

Regarding Ladies' Nights, the Grand Master was very emphatic that no male person, not a Mason, could be invited to be present; and that the existing practice in some lodges in issuing such invitations must be entirely discontinued.

The Grand Master deals forceably and clearly on the question of the relation of Freemasonry to the state. The whole address is well worth quoting, but it is too long to quote in full and extracts would

give but a garbled impression of the whole. Dealing with Spanish Freemasonry he says:

"I have received two communications from Spain, one from the Grand Lodge and the other from the Grand Orient of Spain, both supporting the existing Communistic Government and both asking for Masonic influence in destroying the Non-Intervention Pact, with the object of allowing other countries to assist the Government against the rebels. At the same time both asked for financial aid in alleviating distress caused by the operations of the rebel forces. As Freemasonry, as we know it, does not take any part in political affairs, and as subscriptions of any kind might be interpreted as at least moral support, I do not propose to recommend Grand Lodge to take any action. A further reason, if such were needed, for that course may be found in the fact that the Masonic Bodies in Spain are rationalist in thought."

He dealt at length with Co-Masonry, Order of the Star of the East, Order of the Eastern Star, and said that no Freemason who had any regard for his obligation would take part in any of them. He quotes the position of the Grand Lodge of England in respect to such bodies and he condemns them utterly.

He drew attention to the said increase of membership in the Craft, but points out that whilst the membership has increased during the past 10 years, by 25 per cent, donations from the brethren had decreased 46 per cent. He agrees with the policy of Grand Lodge of affording assistance direct to those in need in preference to restricting their liberty under institutional care.

Considerable time was taken up by Grand Lodge in the discussion of various amendments to the Constitution. We notice that our old friend R. W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon P.S.G.W. had ideas on the subject and expressed them with his usual clarity. Grand Lodge held an opening Coronation service at the Ballroom, Government House, Perth, on Sunday the 10th of May, 1937. This service is quoted at length and included an eloquent address by the M. W. the Grand Master.

The Proceedings contained the usual instructions and interesting report on foreign correspondence by R. W. Bro. Archdeacon.

We notice that the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when submitting the report, says that "it will be found informative and interesting and well worthy of the earnest perusal of all brethren"—a reference which this reviewer considers very modest indeed.

The detailed report is preceded by a discussion of a few leading questions; the general discussion and the detailed reviews are dealt with in a caustic but kindly manner. One reason we enjoy these reviews so much, is that we so thoroughly agree with the views expressed. If this review or others like it, if there are any, were read in lodges instead of some of the addresses given for the edification of the members we think that both the interest and the attendance would be greatly increased. The intelligent discussion of Masonic matters in a review like this does more for Masonic education than a dozen of the average addresses given for that purpose. For years this reviewer has conducted a sort of higher criticism of the reviews of R. W. Bro. Archdeacon, and from internal evidence to try to ascertain who, and what manner of person he is. The undertaking has at all times been interesting and the completed picture is being gradually rounded out.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-third Annual Communication was held in the City Hall at Martinsburg, October 13th, 1937. M. W. Bro. Simon P. Richmond, Grand Master, presided. We regret to note that R. W. Bro. George S. Laidley, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, was unable to attend because of illness, as was the Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. W. S. Sugden.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig, P.G.M.

This jurisdiction mourns the loss of an eminent brother, E. Carl Frame, who passed away on Christmas Day, 1936.

The Grand Master visited a great many of his lodges during his year and reports that most of them are doing well and are in good condition financially. By that he does not mean that they are wealthy, but they are collecting enough to pay their debts and are having a good time.

He reports the usual dispensations and one which is rather unusual, given to an Ohio lodge, through the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, to allow them to meet in Parkersburg, W.V., and to bring their own candidate, open a lodge in Mount Olivet Lodge and confer the M. M. degree on West Virginian soil. This meeting was desired particularly to honor a P. M. of Belpre Lodge, Ohio, who resides in Parkersburg. This brother was 88 years of age and conferred the degree.

He made several visitations to other jurisdictions, which were celebrating important anniversaries.

He mentioned that no matters came before him for decision that were not covered by their law, some of which he helped the brethren to interpret and happily settle without serious controversy.

There is a long report on their Masonic Home, which houses 22 men, 10 women, 28 boys and 32 girls, making a total of 92, and they are assisting in the maintenance of ten outside the home, a total of 102.

Several matters were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, one of which was, rules governing the consolidation of lodges which was considered very carefully, every angle of the operation being covered. Another matter was an amendment whereby the Grand Master should appoint the Grand Pursuivant annually from the several Masonic districts in rotation, beginning with No. 1. As in this jurisdiction the officers seem to advance step by step, this would mean that each Masonic district in turn would ultimately have a Grand Master. Grand Lodge rejected the proposal. They also rejected a proposal to amend the Burial Service so that an additional or revised service could be used in the evening at the deceased brother's home or the Undertakers.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations in their report stated that the custom of entering into fraternal relations appears to have originated between the Grand Lodges of England and the Grand Lodge of Sweden in 1779 and in this year the Grand Lodge of Sweden sent a representative to the Grand Lodges of England, and the committee feels that this delightful and honorable custom should be continued.

In the report of the Committee on Finance, they approved of the additional assessment of 25c per member for the maintenance of the Masonic Home, as suggested by the Board of Governors, which was approved by Grand Lodge.

The Fraternal Correspondence by M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner, P.G.M., is again a pleasure to read. His Foreword gives one a general view of the trend of thought among the Grand Lodges he has reviewed. A timely comment of his, regarding the delivery of an oration or special address at the Annual Communication, is that when such an oration is flavored by connection with politicians, who have perhaps derived benefits from their Masonic membership, thus touching on political matters, he believes that West Virginia may well adhere to its time honored rule that Grand Lodge is open for the dispatch of such business only as may lawfully come before it. He notes that all Grand Lodges are united in their loyalty to the principles of Masonry and that atheists, communists and their like, are making no headway in any of our English speaking Grand Lodges. He has given Alberta for 1936 generous and appreciative notice, for which we thank him.

J.H.W.S.K.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-third Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form by Madison Lodge No. 5, F. & A.M., under special dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master, Bro. Karl Braasch, in the Temple of Freemasonry, Madison, on Tuesday, June 8th, 1937. The Grand Officers were duly received and accorded a hearty welcome by the Master of Madison Lodge, were given the Grand Honors and conducted to their respective stations, the D.G.M. presiding during this reception, after which the M. W. the Grand Master was duly received, conducted to the East and accorded Grand Honors.

The United States Colors were brought into the auditorium by a Guard of Honor, were duly received and placed in their station on the dais at the right of the Grand Master, the entire assembly standing at attention while the organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

During the year the Grand Master laid five corner stones with Masonic ceremonies, one of which was for the Italian Baptist Church, three for Masonic Temples and one for the Roundy Memorial Baptist Church.

The Grand Master mentions that he wrote over eighty letters in answer to questions on Masonic law, none of which he would consider a decision, as he merely pointed out the part of the Constitution which applied to their specific cases. He recommended a complete compilation of the decisions of Grand Masters from 1852, saying that while this might be expensive, it would eliminate much useless and extravagant correspondence.

On his visits to lodges he travelled 12,000 miles and his expense account on file in the office of the Grand Secretary totalled \$455.76. He points out that there is a great deal of correspondence and other clerical duties incident to the office and recommended a substantial increase in the Grand Master's expense account, which should include

an allowance of at least \$300.00 for a stenographer. He further suggested that as the subordinate officers of Grand Lodge have little opportunity to become informed as to the current policies of Grand Lodge and to enlighten enquiring brethren concerning Grand Lodge activities, that it would be a commendable practice to have regular meetings of Grand Lodge officers from time to time.

This Grand Lodge contributed \$750.00 to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the relief of flood sufferers.

What this Grand Lodge calls the "Eighteenth Landmark" came in for considerable comment by the Grand Master, who points out that this particular regulation, governing the physical qualifications of an applicant, has been the cause of much disappointment. He himself has felt that he has violated basic Masonic law, when in conformity with his obligation he was forced against his better judgment to deny membership to one spiritually imbued, but physically maimed, and it was his sincere hope and desire that this communication would look upon the Eighteenth Landmark, as many of their sister jurisdictions have, and request that it be drastically revised or abolished entirely. However, Grand Lodge felt the change and abolition of the rule would be most unwise and prejudicial to the well being of the Craft in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master recommended an increase in the per capita tax, saying that an extra penny a week will accomplish all he has suggested and build up a reserve besides.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is prepared again by M. W. Bro. Frank Jenks, P.G.M. Alberta receives generous and courteous notice and he comments on our liberal view with regard to candidates with physical disabilities. Perhaps we are, but is it not a fact that in these modern days we all are inclined to take a wider and more lenient view of these matters. It is only the other day that the writer read of the installation of a blind brother as Master of his lodge in England. The original reason for such a qualification was undoubtedly because the physical fitness of a petitioner was essential in an operative society, where serious accidents might happen, not only to the individual himself but to others if such a disability was likely to make him inefficient in his work. Such conditions do not obtain to the same extent today, as a maimed man may find gainful occupation that entails no danger to himself or to others. At the same time Alberta has not entirely abolished the qualification, and all the circumstances concerning such an applicant are most carefully gone into before a dispensation is granted.

J.H.W.S.K.

WYOMING

Sixty-third Annual Communication, August 23rd and 24th, 1937.

Only one Special Communication was held during the year. That was for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Washakie County Court House, at Worland, Wyoming. A number of proposals to dedicate public buildings had apparently been received, but as only a tablet was to be installed after the completion of the building, and

as the Code does not seem to contemplate such proceedings, these invitations had been refused. The Grand Master would require definite instruction from Grand Lodge before taking part in such ceremonies.

Grand Lodge met in the Masonic Temple at Cheyenne, and was opened in Ample Form by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Henry G. Watson. "America" was sung, after which an official welcome was extended to the brethren by Bro. Archie Allison, Mayor of the City of Cheyenne, and a member of Acacia Lodge of that City.

The celebration of the Masonic Birthday of George Washington, as authorized by Grand Lodge, was not very well observed, only thirty-seven out of the forty-eight lodges complying with the proclamation. The Grand Master thought that the celebration should be discontinued unless some method of arousing greater interest in it can be found.

The decisions are interesting, but as these depend on the Code of Wyoming we need not set them out here. All but one were approved.

The new Code that has been brought out as a result of this Communication appears to differ only in minor details from the old one. It seems to have been given very careful consideration by those entrusted with the work.

Wyoming is not a member of the Masonic Service Association, and is still in doubt as to whether it will rejoin or not. The question was left over for another year.

The resolution endorsing the program of observance of the 150th anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States stresses the fact that the occasion should be used for the brethren to acquire a knowledge of the history of the Constitution. As constitutional questions are a live issue in Alberta at present we heartily commend the action of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming.

The Grand Secretary's Report gives the membership as 7,758, and the net loss 48. Wyoming should soon be "out of the red" as one Grand Master expressed it.

We were glad to notice the good work put in by the Custodian of the Work for Chugwater Lodge No. 23, at Chugwater. We had used this lodge as an example of pride in a local name rather overcoming good judgment in burdening a lodge with such a name. But the Custodian says that although it is the smallest lodge in the jurisdiction it has the warmest welcome for visitors. Moreover we recently came across "Oxoboxo" which means just the same thing spelled either forward or backward.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence mentions liquor, gambling, life memberships and communists as the leading and most discussed problems that are common to many jurisdictions. Many Grand Masters hold, and properly in our opinion, that the legalizing of the liquor business makes no change in the Masonic law about it, nor does it change the fundamental principles involved in the Masonic law. We note that twelve members of the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois were expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for giving aid to a lottery scheme. A number of jurisdictions have been troubled with communists joining the organization, and causing dissension in the lodges. The Grand Lodge of Oregon makes it a Masonic offence for a member to be affiliated with a communist organization.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by Joseph M. Lowndes, Grand Secretary. Fifty-seven Grand Jurisdictions were reviewed, and each one is given generous attention. A vast amount of interesting and useful information has been gleaned, and presented to the reader in an attractive form. We would like to suggest, however, that he take notice of the fact that the expression which he uses twice "Britain and its Colonies" is now outdated. Canada, Australia, etc., are now "British Dominions." We are all equal in status, if not in power and prestige. Alberta is well reported.

M. W. Grand Master—Warner B. Jones, Wheatland.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Joseph M. Lowndes, Casper.

C.V.B.

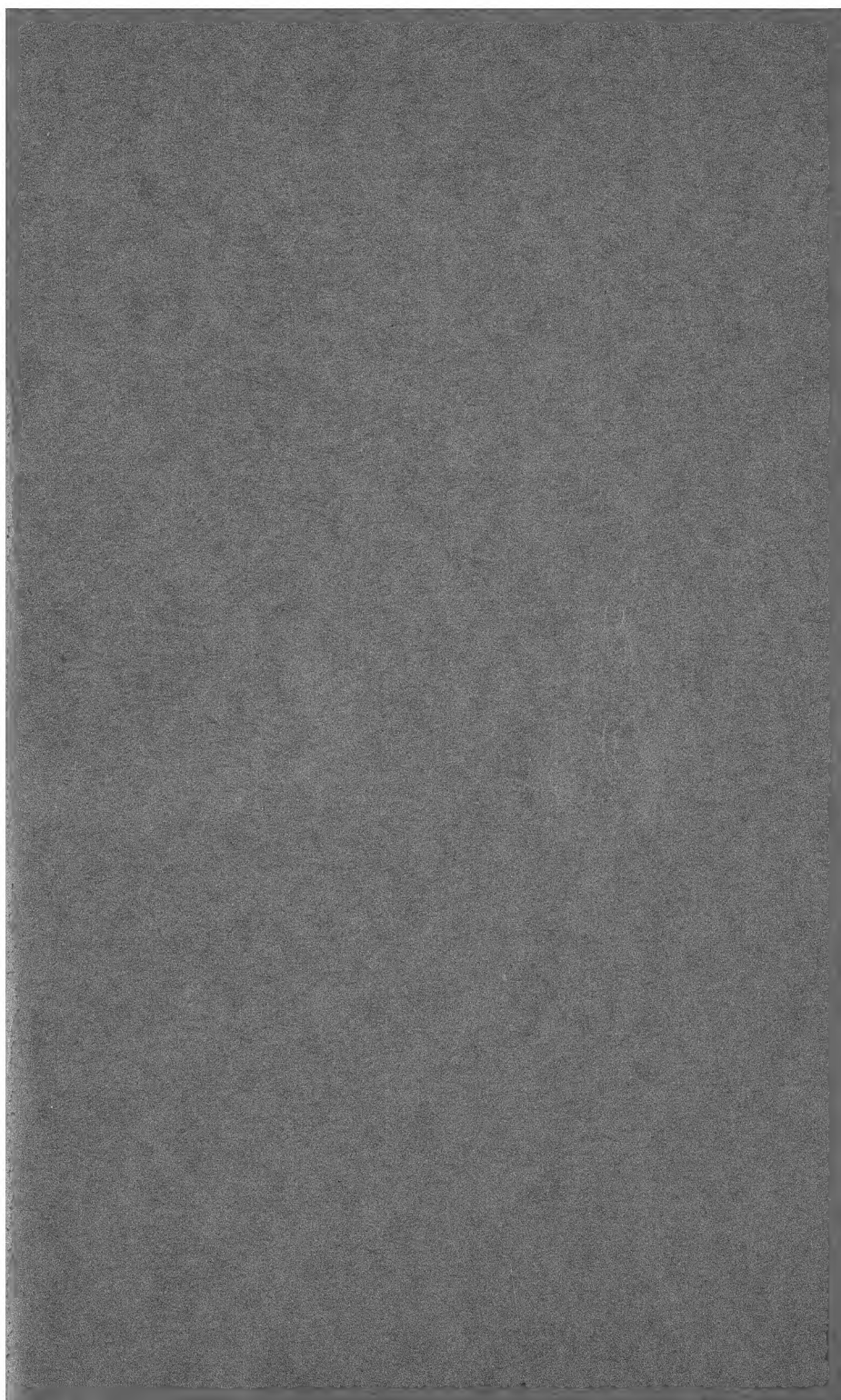
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R.W. Grand Secretary:

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS, P.G.M., Calgary, Alta.

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